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National Council approves \$84 million budget

Principal Chief convenes Council
for extraordinary session

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) National Council gave its approval for the fiscal year 1994 comprehensive budget at a Dec. 28 meeting.

Principal Chief Bill Fife called for the extraordinary Council meeting to get the \$84 million budget approved before the new year.

Twice earlier, the Council approved portions of the budget only to maintain operations. Some of the representatives were hesitant to approve the budget until further reviews had been made. Fife however, noted that allocating portions of the budget was disruptive.

The budget was approved by an 18-5 vote.

"I am very pleased that the basic services for housing, education, social services, and health care will receive funding increases in this budget," Fife said. "The ninety-four budget



photo by Jim Wolfe

Principal Chief Bill Fife, seated, signs the comprehensive budget legislation into law as Second Chief Shelly Crow and executive director Jerry Wilson look on.

reflects that these areas are the tribe's priorities."

Together, monies for housing and health total \$34.4 million. Education was allocated \$5.9 million and social services received \$5.2 million.

"More than hot meals for the elderly, education programs for all citizens, school clothing, children and family services, and so on, this budget represents the economic capacity of the

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Chief to present goals, direction for tribe

Fife to give state of nation address January 29

OKMULGEE — Principal Chief Bill Fife will present his goals for the tribe as well as discuss the events of the past year in his state of the nation address to be presented at the Jan. 29 National Council session.

Fife has said he will make families and communities his priorities for 1994.

"When I think of Creek families, I envision strong family values, a reliable extended family, respect for elders, reinforcement of culture and tradition, and proper guidance of the young," Fife said. "We must strive to maintain these characteristics that support virtue and strength of Creek families."

Fife said he will propose five goals that will serve Creek families. They are:

- expanding and developing early childhood programs that promote parental involvement;
- offer parenting education to young families;
- providing wholesome family activities and programs that promote participation of all family members;
- continuing development of capitol complex landscaping and new buildings to create a more inviting environment for Creek families; and
- developing programs which encourage and promote self-help and self-support.

Regarding communities, Fife said "We cannot encourage the sustenance of Creek families without giving equal attention to the community.

"Both play key roles in establishing a strong

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Tribal planning department prepares for successful 1994

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Comprehensive Planning Department is operating for the first time in more than a decade.

"In the 1970s, when the planning department was first created, we had tremendous growth as a tribe, in terms of a physical plant, economics, and social development," said Principal Chief Bill Fife.

"We haven't had as much growth since because we haven't had a long-term planning department. I said two years ago — we needed

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Second Chief makes contributions at state, tribal leaders conference

by Shelly Crow, Second Chief

Recently, I attended a state-tribal relations joint committee in Broken Bow. The purpose of the meeting was for tribal leaders to discuss issues and voice their concerns to committee members. The joint committee has members from the Oklahoma House of Representatives and Senate and is headed by Rep. Terry Matlock of Garvin. The meeting was arranged by the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission.

As chair of the Indian affairs commission and second chief of the Muscogee Nation, I have advocated for greater tribal recognition within the state government. I participated in compliance with Principal Chief Bill Fife's executive order regarding my position as a liaison for the tribe with the state of Oklahoma.

In the spring, I met with Matlock and suggested his committee meet with tribal leaders. It is my intention to bring Indian issues to the forefront of the legislative agenda.

Among the items I presented for discussion at the meeting were:

- educating state leaders about the federally

recognized tribes in Oklahoma and on items such as sovereignty and tribal governments;

- elevating the OIAC to cabinet level. Indians are presently included in the Oklahoma Department of Human Services budget under the title "Handicapped, Retarded, Blind, and Indians." Fourteen cabinet positions have been established in the state, but only one by legislation — the Veterans Cabinet. The need for an American Indian cabinet has been presented to House Speaker Glen Johnson of Okemah, and to the governor;

- establishing an office of Indian affairs within the governor's office;

- legislating a broader Native American education and history curriculum in lower and higher education;

- addressing House Bill 1017 on education with emphasis on the native language to be a priority in heavily populated areas with Indian children;

- education for the understanding of the economic impact of Indian gaming on the state of Oklahoma;

- Senate Bill 759 — dealing with the tribes that have opted not to compact with the state of Oklahoma on the tobacco tax issue;

- legislation affecting Indian tribes should have the input of tribal leaders, especially on such issues as transportation, impact aid, and education;

- Native American tourism should be planned by Oklahoma's tribal leaders; and

- health care plans for the state of Oklahoma. All tribal leaders should be included in any health care planning.

All Oklahoma tribes were invited to participate. Those attending were: Muscogee; Choctaw; Absentee Shawnee; Iowa; Fort Sill Apache; Kaw; Otoe-Missouria; Seminole; and Cheyenne-Arapaho tribes.

State organizations represented were: The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation; NCO Gaming; OIAC; and the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

Other state representatives attending were: Larry Adair, Stillwell; Bob Culver, Tahlequah; and Ron Langmacher, Carnegie. The only senator attending was Kelly Haney of Seminole.

I want to keep you updated about some of the ideas I am working on at the state level. Being Indian, we must be prepared to fight on all fronts. We cannot afford to be isolated here within the tribe. I am working to improve relations between state and tribal governments and to keep you informed.

Letters to the editor

Okfuskee representative offers thanks Editor:

I would like to thank the voters of the Okfuskee District for their support in my re-election to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. My concerns are with the way tribal money is spent. I also have concerns about health care, education, and home repairs.

Again, thanks.

Clyde Johnson, Okemah

Representative-elect offers thanks Editor:

I want to express my deepest appreciation to all Creek citizens of the Muskogee District for their support in the recent National Council election. A special thanks to those few supporters who encouraged me to run for Council representative.

As a newly elected representative, I will work diligently for the Creek community. You have supported me. It is now my time to support you. Thanks again.

Frances Pease, Muskogee

Tulsa representative offers thanks Editor:

I would like to thank the Tulsa District voters for returning me to the National Council. I will continue to do my best to represent your best interests. Mvto.

Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa

Representative-elect offers thanks Editor:

I would like to thank all of the people that elected me to the National Council. I especially want to thank those that contributed their resources so that the citizens of Okmulgee District could have full-time representation. I will not forget you and I will work to maintain your overwhelming support and endorsement. Mvto.

David Lewis Jr., Yardeka

Representative seeks camera Editor:

I lost my camera at the November National Council meeting. It was a 35 millimeter Kodak in a black case with a 24 exposure roll of film.

I left it on the table where I was sitting in the Council chambers. If anyone has this camera I would appreciate its return.

I would also like to thank all of the people that helped re-elect me to the National Council. I appreciate all of the people that have stuffed envelopes, made phone calls, and went door-to-door on my behalf. I will do my best to serve my Muskogee people in Muskogee District. Mvto.

Helen Chupco, Muskogee

Letters to the editor are welcome. Letters must be signed with a traceable address before being considered for publication. *The MNN* reserves the right to edit all submissions.

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Stephanie Berryhill, senior staff writer

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Tribal, area briefs

Tribe hosts adoption seminar

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Children and Family Services Special Needs Adoption Program will conduct a parent training workshop for prospective adoptive parents Jan. 7 through 9 at the Brittany Inn. The Adoption Center of Northeastern Oklahoma will conduct the training. Meals and lodging will be provided for those who attend the workshop.

The special needs adoption program is also seeking Muscogee (Creek) families as adoptive parents.

For additional information, contact David Proctor or Pam Palmer at (918) 756-2112 or 1 (800) 521-5432.

Legal service seeks responses

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc. is conducting its annual survey to determine case priorities for 1994. The legal service's by-laws restrict the firm to deal with the Indian legal status of the clients. Some of the legal areas OILS is considering are:

- restricted trust land;
- Indian child custody;
- tribal sovereignty;
- Indian housing; and
- individual rights.

Contact OILS with preferences by Jan. 30, at: Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc., Founders Tower, 5900 Mosteller Drive, Suite 610, Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

Indian recovery camp meet set

HINTON — The United Indian Recovery Association spring encampment will be May 13 through 15 at Methodist Canyon Camp in Hinton. Workshop presenters include Daley Tearl, Creek, on relapse prevention. Other activities include mens' and womens' sweat lodges and social dancing. Pre-registration before May 1 is \$65. After May 1, registration is \$85. Registration fee includes UIRA membership, five meals, and two nights lodging. For more information, contact Jacqueline Triplett at: 309 N. 14th, Okemah, OK 74859; or call (918) 623-0044, or John Scruggins: P.O. Box 1152, Tahlequah, OK 74465; or call (918) 458-4453.

Policy center names acting director

WASHINGTON — Ronald Trosper has been named acting director of the National Indian Policy Center. The NIPC is regulated by the Administration for Native Americans and is headquartered at George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Cloud honored at reception



photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Outgoing National Council Speaker Clarence Cloud and tribal community services director Harley Little exchange greetings at a reception honoring Cloud for his years of service to the tribe at the tribal capitol complex Dec. 30. Cloud decided not to seek re-election from Creek District this year, though he will remain active as a board member of the Muscogee-Seminole Indian Credit Association.

Council rejects additional tobacco taxes

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) National Council defeated a tax increase on private smokeshops at its regular session Dec. 18.

The bill included provisions to create an education fund with the additional tax as well as prohibit communities from using bingo and tobacco revenues for making per capita payments.

The bill was defeated 23 to one.

In other business, the Council:

- tabled a bill that would have abolished the industrial development board;
- appropriated one-sixth of the 1994 comprehensive budget (see related story on page 1);
- confirmed Principal Chief Bill Fife's nomination of Hulbert banker J.D. Colbert to the gaming operations authority board. Presiding speaker Larry Bible, Tulsa District, cast the tie-breaking vote. Colbert was a member of the industrial development board and has resigned his position to assume his new post;
- authorized the establishment of a public utility for the purposes of development and construction of governmental and private facilities;
- authorized the food distribution program to become a distributing agency for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's surplus food program. The program had been receiving food stuffs from the Cherokee Nation food distributing agency;
- approved policies and procedures for the Council;

- approved a resolution assigning Council committee jurisdictions;

- approved the inclusion and expenditure of \$4,290 from a 1993 basic library grant award in the 1994 comprehensive budget;

- tabled a bill that would have purchased a van for the Okmulgee District senior citizens for further consideration; and

- approved a resolution supporting the heirs of Nettie Tiger to resolve their dispute over oil royalties and mineral rights with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The 1994-95 Council-elect will be sworn in 10 a.m., Jan. 8 at the tribal capitol complex.

The Council's next regular session begins at 10 a.m., Jan. 29.

Gilcrease exhibition announced

TULSA — Gilcrease Museum is hosting the exhibition "Beyond the Prison Gate: The Fort Marion Experience and Its Artistic Legacy." It will be on view Feb. 11 through April 17. This exhibition traces the experiences of primarily Kiowa and Cheyenne warriors incarcerated at Fort Marion Prison of St. Augustine, Fla.

Gilcrease is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday and holidays, 1 to 5 p.m. There is no admission for this exhibition. For more information, contact Paula Hale Eliot at (918) 596-2700.

Education briefs

Bacone seeks adjunct art professor

MUSKOGEE — Bacone College is seeking an adjunct art instructor for introductory drawing classes at Howard McLeod Correctional Center at Farris and John Lilley Correctional Center at Boley. Classes begin Jan. 24 and will be held Monday and Wednesday evenings. A bachelor's degree is required. A master's degree and previous college teaching experience preferred. Preference given to individuals of Indian descent. For details, contact Dave Norfolk, Bacone College, (918) 683-4581.

Chickasaws host JOM conference

ADA — The Chickasaw Nation is hosting the Johnson O'Malley Higher Education Preparation Workshop at 9:30 a.m., Jan 15 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, Arlington and Mississippi streets, Ada. The workshop is for all interested Indian high school students currently enrolled in their junior or senior years that plan to enter college. The workshop is being funded by the Chickasaw Nation JOM and Higher Education programs. For more information, contact Haskell Alexander at: (405) 436-2603; or Deanna Kendall at (405) 226-4821.

Berkeley seeks graduate students

BERKELEY, Calif. — The University of California at Berkeley is accepting applications for American Indian graduate students in several areas of study. Students who have been accepted into the 1994-95 class for the masters of social work, can apply for a \$25,000 stipend. Applications must be received by Feb. 5. For more information, contact the program staff at (510) 642-3228.

University offers summer program

IRVINE, Calif. — The University of California-Irvine is inviting students to participate in an eight-week summer residential program in computer science.

The joint initiative between UCI Department of Information and Computer Science, tribal colleges, and California community colleges offers participants academic and industrial experiences that will prepare them to continue their education and pursue careers in computer science. American Indian students enrolled in a tribal college or other two-year institute are eligible.

Candidates must be able to verify tribal affiliation. Application deadline is March 1. For more information, contact Essie Lev, administrative director, at: (714) 856-4840; or write American Indian Summer Institute in Computer Science, Information and Computer Science, University of California Irvine, Irvine, CA 92717.

Students recognized at area schools

Yargee attends national conference

MOBILE, Ala. — Esther Jo Yargee attended the National Indian Education Association Conference in November.

Yargee was the only Creek-Yuchi to attend the conference. She attended as a member of the Seminole Nation Inter-tribal Youth Council. The Butner High School junior is the 1993 Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation runner-up.

She is the daughter of Tarpie and Amy Yargee of Seminole. Her maternal grandparents are Hazel Tiger of Okemah, and the late Joe Jones. Her paternal grandparents are Winey and the late Phillip Yargee of Holdenville.



Yargee

Sapulpan named students of month

SAPULPA — The following Muscogees have been selected students of the month for their respective Sapulpa Public Schools. The following students are Creek:

Mike Crook — academics, Indian Club, cross country, Sapulpa High School;

Lucinda Valdez — academics, Indian Club, Sapulpa Jr. High;

Raymond Bevenue — academics, Sapulpa Middle School;

Amy Bettis — academics, honor roll, perfect attendance, Globe Masters (geography), Positive Jaguar, Jefferson Elementary;

Jonathan McCall — academics, honor roll, Facts and Masters, Positive Jaguar, Jefferson Elementary;

Michelle Upshaw — 7th level Globe Master,

Liberty Elementary;

Joshua Castleman — honor roll, good behavior, Oakridge Elementary;

Jefferson Davis — mathematics, cooperative, friendly, Oakridge Elementary;

Krystal Cook — outstanding reader, good attitude, South Heights Elementary;

Jennifer Mathews — Camp Fire Girls, outstanding reader, good student, South Heights Elementary; and

Julie Dunn — honor roll, perfect attendance, Woodlawn Elementary.

Siblings named students of the month

TAHLEQUAH — Jennifer and Derek Kirk have been named students of the month for December at their respective schools.

Jennifer, 12, is a sixth-grader attending Tahlequah Central School. Derek, 8, is a second-grader attending Greenwood Elementary School.

Their hobbies include softball, baseball, golf, and skating. The siblings are now bowling in a junior league.

Their parents are Darrell and Lucretia Kirk of Tahlequah. Grandparents are Lemuel and Lewis Sanders of Tahlequah. Great-grandparents are the late Rufus and Jennie Scott Charles of Eufaula.



D. Kirk



J. Kirk

Scholarship fund receives monies for engineering students

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The Native American Scholarship Fund, Inc. has announced the receipt of a \$25,000 grant for engineering scholarships from The David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

"Engineering is one of our main areas of emphasis," stated Dr. Dean Chavers, head of the fund. "This grant will enable us to add 10 more engineering students to our scholarship program." It is currently funding 110 Indian students in the U.S. in math, engineering, science, business, education, and computers. The fund has produced 41 graduates in its seven years of operation.

Chavers reports that its retention rate for

students is 95 percent, one of the highest success rates for Indian students in the nation. "We attribute our high success rate to the quality of our recruiting and advising program," he added. "This department, headed by Lynette Charlie, recruits Indian students from all over the U.S."

"We encourage high-potential Indian students to apply to us if they think they will need more money for college," he continued. "We want to make sure this talent for Indian country gets developed."

For more information, call Charlie at (505) 262-2351.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation health report

This report to the people regarding Muscogee (Creek) Nation Division of Health Administration Services provided by the Creek Nation Community Hospital and Okemah Clinic from Jan. 1 through June 30, 1993. The contract is awarded under the authority of Public Law 93-638, targeting eligible Indian population. The estimated amount of said contract (#246-93-0003) is — beginning \$6,556,721 through the last modification dated, March 3, 1993, increasing the contract to \$6,557,521. This report is submitted by Florence July, chief executive officer, Creek Nation Community Hospital. The following services were available to the Indian people during the contract year.

Creek Nation Community Hospital

This general medical and surgical hospital provides the following list of services to all eligible Indians:

- behavioral health programs;
- contract health program;
- laboratory departments;
- dietary education;
- computerized finance department;
- twenty-four hour nursing service for 34-bed unit, including support staff for six specialty clinics;

• twenty-four hour physician coverage for the in-house patients and emergency room; and

- emergency medical service program with four emergency vehicles.

Creek Nation Emergency Medical Services

Creek Nation EMS provides pre-hospital emergency care and transportation through six licensed EMT's. The standards of care are

established by the Oklahoma Department of Health, the department of transportation, and the Creek Nation hospital medical staff. This year the EMS staff will advance from basic licensure to intermediate advanced level status.

Behavioral health care program

This program provides psychological services routinely to all three Creek Nation clinics and consultation services at the Creek Nation Community Hospital. These services include: individual psychological; group psychotherapy; diagnostic evaluations; psychological testing; alcohol-drug abuse counseling; art psychotherapy; and neurological evaluations.

During the period, the following services were provided:

- admissions — 267;
- days of care — 1,349;
- referrals — 2,675;
- emergency room visits — 6,501;

- laboratory tests — 57,874;
 - radiology tests — 4,914;
 - emergency medical service runs — 472;
- and
- pharmacy prescriptions — 54,775.

Okemah Indian Health Clinic

Two physicians provide general medical care by assessment, treatment, and management of all eligible patients.

These services were provided:

- public health nursing;
- department of medicine;
- pharmacy department;
- nursing department;
- medical records; and
- contract health.

For the reporting period, there were:

- 4,453 doctor visits;
- 4,717 pharmacy visits; and
- 148 nurse visits.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation births

Traycee Lynn McGertt

SHAWNEE —

Traycee Lynn McGertt was born Sept. 30 at Shawnee Regional Hospital to Shawn and Angela McGertt. She weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 18 inches long at birth. She has a brother, Darrick William.

Maternal grandmother is Josephine Prince of

Wetumka. Paternal grandparents are Charley McGertt of Poteau and Mary McGertt of Glenpool. Great-grandmothers are Minnie Prince of Holdenville and Nora Cheek of Okemah. Great-great grandmother is Susie Foster.



McGertt

mother is Annie Tiger of Earlsboro. Paternal grandmother is Corace Panther of Shawnee. The baby is of the Okchiye Tribal Town and is of Creek and Kickapoo descent.

Cheyenne Autumn Stone

OKMULGEE —

Cheyenne Autumn Stone was born Oct. 20 at Okmulgee Memorial Hospital to Tim and Leslie Stone of Okmulgee. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces at birth. She has one brother, Timothy.

Maternal grandparents are Felix and Gloria Haynes of Okmulgee. Maternal great-grandparents are Annie and the late Jay Haynes.



H. Panther, Tiger, and son



Timothy and Cheyenne Stone

Tribal citizen brings Christmas cheer

by Robert Coy, Bristow News-Record

BRISTOW — For 18 years, Bill and Francis Moody have collected toys for Creek County children at Christmas. Mr. Moody visits several churches and Indian communities in Oklahoma during the holidays to distribute the toys he's collected to children.

"I get around 300 toys or more," Moody said.

Moody said the toys are all new and donated from people all around the country. The toys are given to him by different area businesses and residents. Once the toys are collected, they are separated according to the appropriate age and gender of the recipient and then wrapped.

"Some of the kids don't have the money to buy toys," Moody said. "[Churches call] me to see if I'm going to be able to help them out.

"I never take a toy home" because they are all given to children at the parties.

"I have been getting toys for Creek County communities for 18 years. I enjoy this type of work — helping our people and our children," Moody said. "The churches look forward to my helping them.

"We had a very large turnout at our Bristow Indian Community Christmas party. Everyone had a wonderful time."

Muscogee (Creek) Nation obituaries

BUDDY FIELDS

HENRYETTA — Funeral services for Buddy Fields were held Oct. 20 in the Shurden Chapel with Rev. Tommy Weaver officiating. Fields died Oct. 18. He was born March 5, 1918 to Isam and Jeannette Green Fields of Hanna.

Fields was retired from Phillips Petroleum Company. He was a member of the Grace Assembly Church and a World War II veteran.

Fields married Gladys Harris in 1942.

He is survived by: his wife; daughter, Mary Ewing of Lubbock, Texas; son, Don Fields of Amarillo, Texas; one grandson; and two granddaughters.

Pallbearers were: Clayton Dodge; Jim Lane; Woxie Ryal; Larry Harjo; Warren Harjo; and Paul Harjo. Honorary pallbearers were: Robert Prendly; Thurman Higgens; George Hicks; Houston Hicks; and Doyle Cunningham.

Interment was in the Hanna Cemetery.

LENA TAYLOR STARR

RYAL — Funeral services for Lena Taylor Starr were held Dec. 29 at Hickory Ground No. 2 Baptist Church with Rev. John Buckner officiating.

Starr died at St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, after a short illness.

She was born to Marchie and Martha Fixico Taylor on Feb. 4, 1919 in Henryetta.

She was a homemaker and member of Hickory Ground No. 2 Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Eli; daughter, Rose; granddaughter, Stephanie; great-granddaughter, Alyssa; brother, Louis; and sisters, Jeanetta Harjo and Ella Frye.

Survivors include: sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel and Nell of Wewoka and James and Loretta of Ada; daughters and sons-in-law, Mandy and Ben Hill of Dustin, Sally and Bobby Jackson of Okmulgee, Janie Linda and Doug Parks of Moline, Ill., Allene and Roy Starr of

El Reno, Emma Factor, and Amy and Jerry Reagan, all of Morris; sister, Cindy Holahta of Okemah; half-sister, Addie Taylor Lewis of Talala; half-brother, Mitchell of Henryetta; 29 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; several nieces; nephews; and a host of friends; and relatives.

Starr's grandsons served as pallbearers. Interment was in the Starr Family Cemetery.

JENNIE FIFE KNIGHT

EUFAULA — Funeral services for Jennie Fife Knight of Okemah, were held Dec. 16 at the Merritt Cottage Chapel. Her wake service was held at the home of Hannah Knight in Okemah. She died Dec. 13 at the Creek Nation Community Hospital. Knight was born Oct. 2, 1907 to July and KeMary Fife in Okmulgee. She married Wiley S. Knight, who preceded her in death. Knight was also preceded in death by a son, Chester.

Survivors include: five daughters, Mary Pendergraft, Nora McGertt, Birdie Bear, all of Okemah, and Betty Gray of Okmulgee; three sons, Bobby Knight of Moore, Walter Knight of Tulsa, and Charles Knight of Oklahoma City; 18 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Joe Holahta; Jim McGertt; Elton Jimboy; Bob Shirley; Joe Barnett; and Johnnie Warrior. Interment was in the Knight Family Cemetery.

CINDY IRENE HILL

MORRIS — Graveside services for Cindy Irene Hill, stillborn daughter of Della Marie Jackson and Bill D. Hill, were held Dec. 7 at Big Cussetah Cemetery. She died Dec. 3 in Oklahoma City. Survivors include: her parents; grandmother, LoVana Jackson; and grandfather, Toney Hill.



Lucille Tiger and Amber and Jason Estes intently listen to the Indian Fellowship Baptist Church Christmas program. The program was directed by Mary Peak. Rev. Bill Alexander is the church pastor.

Gratitude

We would like to express our appreciation to individuals that offered support and compassion through gifts of food, flowers, and prayer during our recent loss. May God richly bless each one.

Sandy West family

We would like to express our appreciation to the many people that blessed us with kindness and compassion for our recent loss. Again, thank you. Mvto.

Judy Proctor family

Our heartfelt thanks is offered to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief Bill Fife, the Creek Nation Eufaula Dormitory staff, Greg Anderson, and all who extended comforting sympathy and help during our recent loss.

We appreciate the beautiful service, food, floral offerings, and other kindness that was bestowed on us.

Eugene Fields family

Citizen requests assistance in documenting cemetery history

OKLAHOMA CITY — The history of Newtown "old Haynes" Cemetery is being compiled currently.

As many graves are not recorded, it is requested that individuals with knowledge of family members buried in the cemetery send names and dates of death to: Rufus "Buddy" Cox Jr., P.O. Box 95142, Oklahoma City, OK 73143.

Editor's note

If you wish to have your function published in *The Muscogee Nation News*, the deadline for submissions is the third Friday of the month. Publication and distribution is done the first week of the month. Announcements about planned events for early March should be submitted this month to appear in the February edition. For more information, contact *The MNN* at (918) 756-8700.

Religious briefs

Tuskegee to host conference

TUSKEGEE — Tuskegee Baptist Church is hosting an evangelistic conference beginning at 9:30 a.m., Jan. 29.

The church is located six miles west of Eufaula on state highway 9 and three-quarters of a mile south on Mill Creek Bay Road.

Middle Creek Baptist to hold rally

LAMAR — A youth rally will be held at Middle Creek No. 1 Baptist Church at 11 a.m.,

Jan. 15. The church is located three miles west of Dustin on state highway 9 and eight miles south at the Lamar exit.

Creek ordained into ministry

OKLAHOMA CITY — Creek citizen Randy Colbert, Glorieta Baptist Church Minister of Education, was ordained Nov. 28.

Colbert is the son of Weogufkee Baptist Church pastor and member James and Millie Colbert of Eufaula. Colbert is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Religious briefs

Teachers, volunteers sought

TECUMSEH — Teachers and volunteers for Indian Falls Creek 1994 are being sought. The camp will be held June 20 through 25 this year.

Interested individuals may write Victor or Elizabeth Cope at: 514 Ann Drive, Tecumseh, OK 74873; or call, (405) 598-8720.

Eight honored by Falls Creek council

DAVIS — Eight Indians who have "significantly" contributed to the cause of Oklahoma Indian Baptist ministries and the Indian Falls Creek assembly have been selected for 1993.

Those honored for recognition are: Bertha Yahola, Montesoma Church; Coolidge Coley, Choctaw leader; Sanders McLemore, Cherokee pastor and association leader; Cornelius Spottedhorse, Saddle Mountain Church; Geneva Colbert, Tuskegee Church; Ted Baker, Glorieta Church; Adam Autaubo, Central Church; and Mrs. Marvin Sorrels, retired Cherokee associational missionary. Special recognition went to Molline Beaver, widow of Richie Beaver — missionary to the Cree tribe, Canada.

Association district officers named

YARDEKA — Muscogee-Seminole-Wichita Baptist Association District 1 officers have been elected for 1993-1994.

Officers are:

- chair, Byar Beaver, Okfuskee;
- vice-chair, John Kelly, Butler Creek;
- secretary, Jeanie Deeringwater, Cedar Springs;
- assistant secretary, Judy Morsett, Okfuskee;
- treasurer, Geneva Colbert, Tuskegee;
- music director, Curtis Kenney, Sand Springs;
- pianist, Henryetta Marshall, Tuskegee; and
- ushers, Bobby Deeringwater, Cedar Springs, and Nathan Kelly, Okfuskee.

Hardback hymnals available

OKMULGEE — Hard back Mvskoke (Creek) song books will be available for sale after Jan. 15. Cost of the books is \$10 each. Pre-paid orders will be taken to help printing expense. For more information, contact John Buckner at: (918) 756-9495; or George Bunny, at (405) 947-7752.

Kellyville community elect officers

KELLYVILLE — The Kellyville Indian Community has elected officers. They are: Delbert Dunn, chair; Newman Littlebear, vice-chair; Lou White, secretary; Shriley Brown, treasurer; and Mary Watashe, sergeant-at-arms. Christine Reeder is the community's volunteer reporter.

Bronze sculpture dedicated



The MNN staff photo

Among the many guests attending the Muscogee (Creek) Nation dedication for the Opothleyahola portrait in bronze were, from left to right, Principal Chief Bill Fife, Tuckabatchee Ceremonial Ground Mekko Tom Lowe, and Hughes-Seminole District Representative-elect Thomas Yahola.

Area briefs

Tulsa Creeks elect officers

TULSA — Tulsa Creek Indian Community has elected community officers for 1994. They are: Owen Sapulpa, chair; Earl Kelly, vice-chair; Pat Hight, secretary; Carol Morris, treasurer; and Stanley McGilbray, sergeant-at-arms.

The community meet the third Wednesday of the month. The board of directors meet the second Wednesday of the month. The community office is located at 6363 E. 31st St.

Indian women calendar available

TEMPE, Ariz. — Full-blood Navajo Melinda Castillo-Glib has created a 1994 calendar that features the most "eye-catching" American Indian women, representing 18 different tribes of the Western United States.

The 1994 American Indian Women Calendar is available for \$10; include \$2 for shipping and handling.

The 10 by 13 inch black and white calendar is available by writing: Elan Marketing, 3404 S. McClintock, #905, Tempe, AZ 85282.

Part of the proceeds will be contributed to the American Indian Women's Scholarship Fund.

Rural development funding available

STILLWATER — The United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Admin-

istration has various grant funding available to aid in the development of rural America.

The programs are administered by Farmers Home Administration. Funding is available in the following categories: water and waste disposal; business and industry; and community facilities.

For more information, write: Farmers Home Administration, 100 USDA, Suite 108, Stillwater, OK 74074-2654; or call, (405) 624-4307.



photo by Gerald Wofford

Ruthie Burgess, the principal chief's administrative assistant, was one of several tribal employees who volunteered to wrap presents for the children and family services angel tree project.

Planning department already paying dividends to tribe

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to dust off all of the work we did before, update it, and get going again," Fife said.

The mission of the planning department is to "provide insight into the physical, social, and economic characteristics of the tribal community."

Staffing the planning department are: Pete Coser, social development planner; James King (part-time), physical development planner; Eddie LaGrone, deputy policy analyst (who is working with the tribe on an intergovernmental personnel assignment); Andrew Skeeter, economic development planner; and Carolyn Torix, secretary.

Tribal executive director Jerry Wilson is also working closely with the department.

"We have assembled a lot of Creek and Yuchi talent for this department," Fife said. "These people bring a wealth of experience, a high education level, tribal government and private sector experience to the tribe. I am pleased that people of this caliber are working for all of us."

Fife noted that the planners all have grassroots Creek and Yuchi backgrounds.

The planning department will be "involved in the work of guiding development, executing public policy concerning land use, participating in public actions that produce growth and development by preparing plans for public building, public utilities, transportation, recreation areas, capital improvement projects, economic development projects [and] assisting in the coordination of community development and program services."

To do this, the department intends to:

- establish tribal and community development objectives;

- conduct research on the growth and development of tribal government;

- increase development plans and programs;

- increase public understanding and acceptance of planning;

- provide technical service to governmental agencies and programs;

- coordinate development activities affecting tribal growth; and

- administer land use controls (zoning and building regulations).

Wilson said the planning department will give "us an opportunity to look at the future and the needs of the citizens and put together the framework to meet long-term tribal objectives."

"The focus will still be economic, physical, and social planning with continued interest for the development of chartered tribal communities."

Fife said he is pleased to get the department operational and expects the group to be a catalyst for tribal growth.

Planners generating revenue

The returns on the investment in the planning department have been pouring in, said tribal executive director Jerry Wilson.

"When these people were hired, I told them that they were not only going to be planners, but implementers," Wilson said. "They are coordinating and implementing their ideas. They're not just sitting around planning."

Wilson said the planners are already directly responsible for:

- a \$500,000 increase in home improvement program funds as a result of a 1993 housing survey;

- a \$700,000 community development block grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the construction of a human development center;

- a \$143,000 Administration for Native Americans grant for a manufacturing operation;

- a \$10,000 grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for manufacturing; and

- a \$50,000 BIA grant for a feasibility study of the Mackey Sandbar site.

"Obviously, the return on this investment is significant," Wilson said.

"This will help us get where we need to go," Fife said. "Though my main emphasis remains with families and community, we are going to identify other priorities and match resources to meet those priorities."

"We are going to find ways to increase individual and household income and create an overall tribal economy."

1994 comprehensive budget signed into law

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tribe and our economic impact on the regional economy," Fife said.

The '94 budget represents a \$13.7 million increase over the initial 1993 comprehensive budget.

Muscogee Nation executive director Jerry Wilson said the budget represents "one big compromise."

"This budget is the result of cooperation between the executive, legislative, and judicial branches as well as several National Council representatives and committees," Wilson said. "No one agreed with the budget 100 percent, but the government acted responsibly when it passed this budget."

Fife told the Council at the Dec. 29 extraordinary session that he will review the current process to see if changes can be made to expedite budget negotiations.

Fife emphasizes families, communities in state of nation address

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tribe."

Fife said his goals for communities are:

- helping them assess the needs and conditions of their citizens;

- continuing to provide training and technical assistance, so that the community organizations will be better managed and accountable; and

- assisting communities to promote programs that focus on family togetherness.

Fife said that there is not time to look back or be "lulled into believing that we cannot improve what we have."

The state of the nation address is a constitutional requirement of the Principal Chief. Fife will make his address at 10 a.m., Jan. 29 at the tribal capitol complex.

Corrections

Mvskoke language classes being held at the Native American Children's Connection are not being offered by the Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association, as reported in *The Muscogee Nation News*, vol. 22, issue 12.

The OCMA is not affiliated with the NACA either, said community chair Buddy Cox.

Also, the answers to the Mvskoke crossword puzzle appearing in the same issue, were incongruent with the clues given. The English words given were singular while the answers were plural or collective, according to Mvskoke native speaker Pauline Billy.

Clarification

In vol. 22, issue 12 of *The Muscogee Nation News*, it was inferred that Sammy Chupco is a United Methodist Church minister. Rev. Taylor Harjo, chair of the district board of ordained ministry for the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference of the Northeast District, said Chupco is not an ordained Methodist minister.

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Chief Fife issues challenges in state of nation address

OKMULGEE — Principal Chief Bill Fife issued a challenge to all tribal citizens for new efforts, greater planning, improved services, and more efficient administration of tribal programs in his state of the nation address Jan. 29.

"The growth of the Creek Nation has forced the need to plan and administer services differently," Fife said.

While claiming his administration has made substantial progress, Fife said the tribe must strive for greater challenges.

"Today we must look for a better way to serve our citizens, to build tribal government, to become better staff, and to be more effective leaders," Fife said. "The winds of change are in the air and we must once again rise to the occasion."

Fife also reported the tribe's successful opposition to the Oklahoma Tax Commission and the Oklahoma Highway Patrol regarding the imposition of a state tax on tobacco products. The tribe received an in-

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Creek Nation Festival & Rodeo financially sound

OKMULGEE — The 20th Annual Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo is on solid financial ground, according to a revenue and expense statement prepared by the tribe's finance division.

Revenues over expenses for the 1993 festival were more than \$15,000.

"I believe this is significant, especially when you consider this committee did not ask the National Council for funding," said Second Chief Shelly Crow, festival committee chair.

Total revenues for 1993 were \$94,828.50. More than \$54,000 of that was raised through corporate and private donations and advertising revenues generated by the souvenir festival program.

Festival expenses totalled \$79,197.07. The three largest expenses were the rodeo, advertising, and

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photo by Jim Wolfe

The 1994-95 Muscogee (Creek) National Council was installed at a Jan. 8 ceremony at the tribal capitol complex. Tribal Supreme Court Chief Justice Richard Lerblance administered the oath of office.

Bruner elected Council speaker

OKMULGEE — Bim Stephen Bruner will lead the 1994-95 Muscogee (Creek) National Council as speaker. Bruner defeated Larry Bible, Tulsa District, 21 to 15, for the position.

"The choice for speaker was a win-win situation," Bruner said. "I know Larry would [have made] an excellent Speaker."

Bruner won a special election in 1993 to fill the seat vacated by former representative Jerry Wilson, who is now the tribe's executive director. Bruner was unopposed in the most recent Council elections and will serve his first full term as speaker.

Bruner has defined his role as leader of the Council for the next two years.

"I am here to work with the other members of the Council as well as with the administration," Bruner said. "I don't want to see three separate branches vying for power."

For the immediate future, Bruner has three goals.

- "I want all of us to be knowledgeable and comfortable with the budget system. It's complicated and difficult to understand, but we've got to be knowledgeable about the budget process."

- "I want to get the Council organized where all the representatives feel comfortable with parliamentary procedure."

- "I want the Council staff to understand what their roles are."

The speaker position is not without its drawbacks. For Bruner, remaining neutral on issues and losing his vote on most issues, is "the price you pay."

The speaker votes only to break a tie.

Bruner believes his business and law enforcement experience are assets.

"We are a big business," Bruner said. "We're an \$84 million business. I also learned that in law enforcement, you have to hear both sides of an issue. As a businessman, I know you have to consider possibilities."

Bruner is encouraged by the Council's composition. He believes the 1994-95 Council is one of the most educated, which should make for a more deliberate body.

"I have no way to verify this, but I believe the education level is the highest the Council has had," Bruner said. "I haven't seen an overt effort to have a block of votes. I believe that they will vote issues rather than in blocks. I respect those who disagree with me and I don't take votes personally. We can respectfully disagree. I believe that."

Other Council officers for the 1994-95 legislative term are:

- second speaker — Thomas Yahola, Hughes-Seminole District; and

- parliamentarian — David Nichols, Okmulgee District.

Second Chief offers historical perspective as basis for future negotiations

by Shelly Crow, Second Chief

As a representative of our tribal government and assigned by Principal Chief Bill Fife to work as a liaison between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and other governments, particularly the state of Oklahoma, I am reminded that to maintain our identity and status as a sovereign nation, is to wage war on all fronts.

Presently, we are negotiating with federal, state, and tribal governments to protect our best interests. I believe now is a good time to review briefly, our history dealing with non-Indian governments.

1812 - Creeks resist white domination in the Creek War of 1813-14.

1814 - Andrew Jackson rents 23 million acres from the Creeks after the Battle of Horseshoe Bend, ending the Creek War and opening the South to white settlement.

1827 - Creek party "selects" location in Indian Territory near Arkansas River.

1828 - some Lower Creek (mostly mixed-bloods), along with some Yuchi, and other traditional towns like Broken Arrow, emigrate to Fort Gibson area.

1829 - Andrew Jackson becomes U.S. President.

1830 - Jackson signs Indian Removal Act.

1832 - a treaty cedes land west of the Mississippi, but allows Creeks to remain and receive allotments and American citizenship; treaty at Payne's Landing calls for cession of land in Florida and for removal of Seminoles to Creek land in I.T. Within five years, Creeks would be removed from these lands by federal troops in violation of this treaty, and several thousand lives are lost.

1860 - Abraham Lincoln becomes 16th president.

1862 - President Lincoln signs the Homestead Act, offering anyone over 21 years old a free 160 acre plot in the West. The U.S. Civil War is in progress and over 10,000 loyal Creeks are in Kansas. Only 5,000

will survive at the end of the war.

1866 - new treaties with the Five Tribes at Fort Smith contain provisions that ultimately open the way for railroads to cross their domains. Provisions which protect tribal rights are ignored.

1871 - the Indian treaty era ends and is replaced by executive order and Congressional governance.

1874 - the Five Tribes' affairs are centralized at Union Agency in Muskogee.

1883 - U.S. Secretary of the Interior enacts a federal criminal law against "old heathenish practices of dances."

1887 - Dawes Act provides a mechanism for allotting tribal reservation lands (138 million acres) to individual Indians. The U.S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs decrees that Indian children must speak English.

1889 - a U.S. Court is established in I.T. Oklahoma's unassigned lands are opened to settlement.

1890 - Organic Act establishes Oklahoma Terri-

tory. The first U.S. census in I.T. shows 50,055 Indians, 18,636 blacks, and 109,393 whites and reports there is no longer an unbroken line of wilderness frontier.

1893 - Congress establishes the Dawes Commission to negotiate extinguishment of tribal title to lands of the Five Tribes.

1898 - Charles Curtis (a mixed-blood Kaw), authors the Curtis Act, which abolishes tribal law and courts, but does allow for tribal retention of mineral rights. Dawes Commission begins to assemble tribal rolls — 101,506 persons are entered on the rolls by 1907 (some names are added in 1914).

1901 - Snake Uprising of 1901, in which Creek full bloods try by Constitutional means, to resist allotment, only to be arrested by the U.S. Marshall, tried and sentenced to long prison terms. (They are released upon their promise to the judge to drop their opposition to allotments.) President McKinley has told the

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Letters to the editor

Citizen angry at loss of gift

Editor:

A 14-year-old girl has been very disappointed as a thief made him or herself happy by taking her gift from the angel tree at the [Muscogee Indian Community] center. Please return this gift. Call (918) 683-4402.

Naomi Thompson, Muskogee

Shawnee reader alleges double standard

Editor:

My husband was run over Dec. 14, 1993 and died Dec. 15. The lady that ran over him said she did not see him. She drove a half block and turned around so she could see what she hit.

This was a four lane street. James was walking back to the house. She hit him and [knocked] him 36 feet into the fourth lane. The speed limit is 35 miles per hour. She said she was going 25 to 30 mph [but] there were no skid marks.

If she was going that slow, she would have [just] knocked him down. Her van had an estimated damage of \$2,100. The police let her go; so she did not go to jail.

If my husband had ran over her, he would have been in jail that night. So now, the district attorney is trying to decide what to charge her with. They act like his death didn't matter.

Bobbie Haney, Shawnee

Editor's note: When asked about the status of this case, a representative of the Pottawatomie County District Attorney's office said, "There is no status" and that an investigation into the incident has not been completed.

Tulsa representative offers thanks

Editor:

As a newly-elected representative, I want to express my gratitude to the Tulsa District voters for your confidence and support. By continuing to work cooperatively with one another, we can fulfill higher goals for the Tulsa District. I plan to serve you to the

best of my ability and will continue seeking your input for the betterment of the Creek Nation.

As promised during my campaign, I will strive to represent your interests by promoting programs that best benefit our district. I have begun this effort since being in office by attending community meetings, talking to citizens from our district, and participating in Council committee meetings. You too, can take an active role by attending the National Council meetings held the last Saturday of each month and by discussing ideas with me to be presented to the Council.

Thank you again, for placing your trust in me. I am looking forward to working for you this term.

Earl King, Tulsa

Pageant to commence festival activities

OKMULGEE — The Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation Pageant will officially kick-off the 20th Annual Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo June 16.

The pageant committee has begun planning for the event and is encouraging interested, young Muscogee women to apply. Applicants must:

- ❖ be at least one-quarter blood, enrolled Muscogee;
- ❖ be between the ages of 16 and 21 by the pageant date;
- ❖ never married nor have a child;
- ❖ live within Muscogee Nation boundaries;
- ❖ submit three letters of recommendation;
- ❖ submit a 500-word essay on why they are seeking the title;
- ❖ not cohabit before or during reign; and
- ❖ attend an orientation workshop on Muscogee government and culture.

Applications may be obtained from committee chair Rita Williams at Oakdale facility, located just south of Okmulgee just off of U.S. Highway 75. Williams can also be contacted by calling (918) 756-0319 or writing: Attn. Rita Williams, Muscogee Nation, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

The application deadline is June 4.

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Deadline for submissions is the third Friday of every month. *The Muscogee Nation News* reserves the right to edit all submissions for space, style, and grammar.

The Muscogee Nation News is mailed to all enrolled citizens' households upon request and proof of citizenship. Inquiries should be directed to the tribal communications department.

Jim Wolfe, managing editor

Stephanie Berryhill, senior staff writer

Brenda Estes, administrative

Tribal school clothing allowance program announced

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Children and Family Services Administration will begin phase two of the school clothing program Feb. 14. *Only those citizens which have not been served previously, are eligible.*

Applications will be available at the community centers listed below. All eligibility requirements must be met before applications will be accepted for processing. Applications will be taken from 5 to 9 p.m. at the respective sites.

There will be no sign-ups before the designated start time. If someone other than the parent is applying for the child, a written statement authorizing them to do so must be presented at the time of application.

Eligibility requirements:

***income verification** — verification of employment (check stubs, letters from employers, etc.) must accompany the completed income verification form. If applicant is unemployed, verification must be one of the following: an award letter from the Social Security office; statement on letterhead from an employment assistance agency; statement from the department of human services stating inability to work; a letter from Muscogee Nation social services denoting inability to work and the general assistance received monthly;

***school attendance verification** — a separate form for each child is required. This must be signed by a school official; and

***citizenship verification** — a copy of each child's Muscogee Nation citizenship card must be presented upon application.

Applicant will choose to receive a voucher from Wal-Mart that will be issued upon successful application, or from a vendor of choice and wait for the check to be mailed at a later date.

Income guidelines (must be verified)

Household members	Income guide annual	Income guide monthly	Income guide weekly
1	\$12,895	\$1,075	\$248
2	\$17,446	\$1,454	\$336
3	\$21,997	\$1,834	\$424
4	\$26,548	\$2,213	\$511
5	\$31,099	\$2,592	\$599
6	\$35,650	\$2,971	\$686
7	\$40,201	\$3,351	\$774
8	\$44,752	\$3,730	\$861

Locations and dates

All times from 5 to 9 p.m.

February 14

• Hughes District — Wetumka Indian Community Center, 608 N. Creek

• McIntosh District — Hanna Indian Community Center, two and three-fourths miles east of main street (state highway 52)

February 15

• Creek District — Kellyville Indian Community Center, three miles east of Kellyville on U.S. Highway 66

• Muskogee District — Muskogee Indian Community Center, 111 S. Virginia

February 16

• Tulsa District — Glenpool Creek Indian Community Center, 13839 S. Casper (north of U.S. Highway 75 and 141st St.)

• Okmulgee District — Okmulgee Indian Community Center, 2700 N. Miami (one-half mile east of U.S. Highway 75 and loop 56)

February 17

• Okfuskee District — Okfuskee Indian Community Center, three and one-half miles south of Mason Schools

• Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes — Koweta Indian Community Center, 30901 E. 141st St. (one-fourth mile east of Ben Lumpkin Rd. on 141st St. north)

In brief

IRS workshop participants sought

OKMULGEE — The Internal Revenue Service conducts free tax workshops for small business owners, office managers, bookkeepers, and self-employed people. Minimum number of those attending is 25 to justify a workshop. Individuals interested in attending a workshop in March or April at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Capitol Complex, may contact: Steve Landsberry, Community Services, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. For more information, contact Landsberry at (918) 756-8700.

Anderson picked for consultant work

EUFULA — Muscogee (Creek) Nation employee Greg Anderson will be one of eight Indian education consultants to observe nationwide education programs.

Anderson, administrator of the tribe's Eufaula Dormitory, began his one-year term in January. He is expected to obtain information from Indian tribes relative to Indian education. The consultants will eventually report their findings to the Indian education director.

Anderson was also picked to be a field reader for the U.S. Department of Education for the second consecutive year. He also edits a column, "The Adminis-

trators' Corner," for the Professional Parent Journal, the national publication for dormitory personnel.

The Eufaula Dormitory is a tribally-operated dorm. Its residents attend Eufaula Public Schools.

He is a graduate of Eufaula High School and the University of Oklahoma.

4-H swine show scheduled

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation swine show begins at 7 p.m., March 7 at the Okmulgee County Fairgrounds, located one mile west of U.S. Highway 75 and loop 56. For more information, contact 4-H extension agent Robin Cooper at (918) 756-8700, ext. 370.

Scott completes training

ARTESIA, N.M. — Creek Nation lighthouse officer Marsey Scott has become the first tribal officer to complete the BIA Division of Law Enforcement Services Indian Police Academy. Scott, of Wetumka, has been employed with the tribe since 1979.



Scott

Housing authority creates award

OKMULGEE — The Creek Nation Housing Authority Board of Commissioners has established the Karen Long Memorial Award to be given to the outstanding housing authority employee.

Executive Director Joe Jackson said the award will be presented annually

Aug. 31 — Long's birthday. The name of each award winner will be engraved on a permanent plaque to be displayed in the housing authority lobby. "We will never forget Karen, and in this way, all those who follow us may remember as well," Jackson said.

The board of commissioners made the award official through the adoption of a resolution Dec. 7.

"The purpose of the award is to honor the memory of Karen and the way in which she lived her life. She contributed in exemplary fashion, not just to the housing authority as a staff member, but to the lives of each and every individual who knew her. We are just glad to be able to pay a lasting tribute to Karen in this small way," said board chair Kenneth Childers.



Long

Muscogee students honored

Tribal member accepted into American Academy of Family Practice Physicians

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Muscogee citizen Carla Jean Jones, D.O., has been accepted into the American Academy of Family Practice Physicians. She passed her board exams last summer and received her certificate recently.

A 1980 graduate of Sapulpa High School, Jones received her bachelor's degree in biochemistry from Oklahoma State University. She received her doctorate from OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1989. She was a recipient of an Indian Health Service scholarship and is now employed with IHS at the Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital in Sacaton, Ariz. on the Gila Indian Reservation.



Jones



photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Linda Buckley, Apekv Ceremonial Ground; Lisa Jackson, Cussetah Tribal Town; Lanita Littlehead, Duck Creek Ceremonial Ground; Lacy Buckner, Apekv; Michael Tiger, Hillabee Ceremonial Ground; and Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation Marva Jackson, Cussetah, participate in Hanna Public Schools Johnson O'Malley Program cultural activities. Thomas Berryhill, Cussetah, leads the dance.

Burnside makes honor roll

MIDWEST CITY — Tribal member Gada Burnside has maintained a 3.7 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) for the fall semester at Rose State College. Burnside is majoring in psychology and plans to enter law school.

Citizen places in commercial contest

OKMULGEE — Tribal member Clay McIntosh was a runner-up in Music Television's (MTV) Free Your Mind Commercial Contest. The object of the contest was to create a concept for a television commercial to promote cultural diversity. Judges selected the winning entries based on originality, creativity, and overall expression. McIntosh's entry was selected as one from thousands submitted to receive a prize.

He is a native Tulsan and is a student at Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee.



McIntosh

Citizen bikes Washington for education

SEATTLE, Wash. — Muscogee citizen Debra Byrd participated in a 1,500-mile bicycle ride across Washington state. Byrd, a member of the Native American Bicycling Alliance, participated in the ride to raise funds for Indians in higher education. The tour took 18 days. Byrd is a program manager for the Yakima Nation Area Agency on Aging. She is the daughter of Jerry Byrd of Okmulgee. She is the granddaughter of Susie Byrd of Muskogee.

Area students report

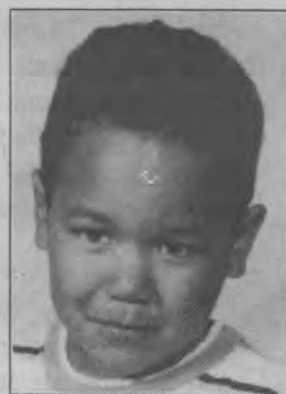
Harjo brothers make honor roll

OKMULGEE — Eastside Elementary School students and brothers Vincent, Brian, and Cody Harjo have all made the A and B honor roll for the first semester.

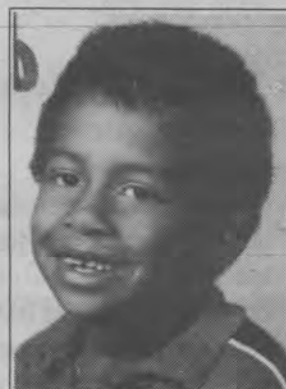
Vincent is in the fourth grade, Brian is in the second grade, and Cody is in the first grade. The brothers are active in baseball, basketball, football, and like roller skating. They attend Fundamental Indian Baptist Church in Okmulgee.

The brothers are the sons of A.L. Cato of Vernon, and Tammy A. Harjo of Okmulgee.

Maternal grandparents are the late Buddie and Wanda



V. Harjo



B. Harjo

Harjo of Hanna. Paternal grandparents are the late Theodore and Ethel Jones Cato.

Sapulpa students honored

SAPULPA — Sapulpa Indian Education programs have announced their students of the month. The following students are Muscogee:

- Jackie Rowe — band, Indian Club, Sapulpa High School;
- Janaya West — academics, cross country team, Indian Club vice president, Sapulpa High School; and
- Clinton Hicks — Facts Master (mathematics), academics, perfect attendance, Woodlawn Elementary School.



C. Harjo

Lee wins geography bee

OKMULGEE — Carl Lee, a fifth-grade student at Westside Elementary School, won first place in a geography bee in January. The competition was sponsored by The National Geographic Society's magazine for children and Amtrak. Lee will now compete with other winners for a possible \$25,000 scholarship. He is the son of Rocky and Susie Lee of Okmulgee.

Community news

Dewar Indian Community opens gift and craft shop

DEWAR — Dewar Indian Community's most recent business venture is a craft shop, which opened in early December.

Manager Eliza Mae Hicks said her objective is for the store to serve as an Indian arts and crafts supplier. It currently stocks beadwork supplies, including seed, cut, glass, bugle, pony, and plastic beads.

The shop stocks a varied selection of Pendleton blankets, Pendleton jackets, moccasins, beadwork, and silver jewelry. Among other items sold in the shop are: silver and beaded jewelry; southwestern pottery; Kachina dolls; ceramic lamps; ballsticks; and Seminole patchwork.

Hicks is purchasing store merchandise from area artisans; the beadwork is created exclusively by local individuals. Hicks also accepts items for sale on consignment.

Hicks said lay-a-way plans are available to customers.

Shop hours are from 10 a.m. to 5



photo by Stephanie Berryhill
Dewar Indian Community Craft Shop employee Minnie Proctor and manager Eliza Mae Hicks model two Pendleton coats available for purchase at the store.

p.m., Tuesday through Friday; the store is also open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, call (918) 652-3310 or write: Dewar Indian Community Craft Shop, P.O. Box 290, Dewar, OK 74431.

Koweta offers classes

COWETA — Koweta Indian Community will be offering Mvskoke hymn singing, language, and aerobics classes beginning in February.

Rev. George Bunny will be the hymn singing class instructor. The hymn singing and language classes will be offered on an alternate basis, community reporter Delores Hamilton said.

Shirley Little and Debbie Yeahquo will be the aerobic's class instructors.

Community members may sign up for classes at the community center. The

Hmm hmm good!



photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Jim Keeter, far right, takes in a mouthful as Roley Fry, Okmulgee District representative David Lewis, Principal Chief Bill Fife, and Claudie Fields also partake of Yardeka Nutrition Center meals on its first day of operation Jan. 10.

center is located one-fourth of a mile east of Ben Lumpkin Road on 141st Street north.

Hanna to hold fiddle dance

HANNA — Hanna Indian Community is holding an old-time fiddle dance Feb. 25.

A food sale will begin at 6 p.m. The dance will begin at 7 p.m. Raffling of local artists' artwork and other items will be held.

The community center is located two and one-fourth miles east of Hanna's main street.

Couple celebrates 34 years of marriage

OKMULGEE — Mvskoke, Caddo couple John and Vivian Proctor observed their 34th wedding anniversary Jan. 28.

The two met over 34 years ago at a Caddo Mission church dinner.

John suspected that Vivian fancied him when she made an extra effort to see that he was supplied with condiments.

"I was asking for salt, and she was at the end of the table, and she brought it to me."

After church they planned their first date — a meeting in Oklahoma City.

As John was living west of Hanna, the distance made it difficult to visit Vivian in Hinton, but the miles proved no obstacle to their growing affection for each other.

"I didn't have no money; I was poor and she bought me gas to come and



photo by Stephanie Berryhill

John and Vivian Proctor

see her, so it must have been love."

Vivian said John was visiting on a stormy, winter day when he impulsively suggested they get married. "He said, 'let's go get married,' and I said, 'there's snow and ice on the road; what a time to get married!'"

"I had to [propose] because I didn't have a place to go," John joked. The couple lived in Oklahoma City for 32 years and now reside in Wetumka. They have six children, 11 grandchildren, and are active members of Tallahassee Ceremonial Ground.

Society briefs

Alexander celebrates birthday

CHECOTAH — Cara Alexander celebrated her fourth birthday with a pizza party. Pizza and cake were served to the guests. Her theme was Beauty and the Beast.

Alexander is the daughter of Alison and Jeff Alexander of Henryetta. Maternal grandparents are Lee and John Asbury of Henryetta. Paternal grandparents are Carrie and Roy Alexander of Porum. Several aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends were also in attendance.



Alexander

Guthrie-Jackson to wed

WAINWRIGHT — Gary and Debbie Guthrie announce the engagement of their daughter, Christie, to Chris Jackson of Okmulgee. The wedding is set for 3 p.m., April 23 at the

Bacone College Chapel, Muskogee. Guthrie is a 1993 graduate of Midway High School. She is employed with the Muskogee



Jackson, Guthrie

(Creek) Nation. Jackson, the son of Jackie and Dianna Jackson of Okmulgee, is a 1988 graduate of Okmulgee High School. He is employed with Great Plains Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

Lasley reunion

OKMULGEE — Descendants and relatives of Dan Gilbert, Mose Lasley, and Judy Lasley Proctor are asked to contact Mattie Thomas, 1118 S. Alabama, Okmulgee, OK 74447. The reunion will be held July 2 at Hanna Indian Community. Responses are asked to be sent by Feb. 28.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation obituaries

DANIEL BENTON

HENRYETTA — Funeral services for Daniel Benton, Henryetta, were held Jan. 19 at Shurden Funeral Chapel in Henryetta.

Wake services were held Jan. 18.

Benton died Jan. 16 in Oklahoma City. He was born Feb. 18, 1901 to Robert and Jenny Benton.

He was married to Tennie Roberts and was retired from the Frisco Railroad.

He was preceded in death by: his wife; and one granddaughter.

Survivors include: daughters, Mattie Jo Castro of Oklahoma City, Lillian Maxwell of Stigler, and Senora Wallace of Henryetta; 12 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

ALMER W. BERRYHILL JR.

WILSON — Graveside services for Almer Berryhill Jr. were held Jan. 7 at the Berryhill Family Cemetery with Rev. Robert Jones officiating. Berryhill was born Sept. 24, 1954 to Molly Tiger and the late Almer Berryhill.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and a self-employed welder.

Survivors include: his mother, of Muskogee; daughters, Rhonda and Sheila Berryhill, both of Oklahoma City; brother, Tony Berryhill of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; sisters, Patricia Holt of Muskogee, and Kathey Blalock of Amarillo, Texas; four nieces; and two nephews.

Interment was in the Berryhill Family Cemetery.

EMMA BRUNER

RYAL — Funeral services for Emma Bruner were held Dec. 31 at Hickory Ground Baptist Church No. 2 with Rev. Robert Washington officiating.

Bruner was born March 1, 1913 to Mitchell and Lucinda Taylor Fields in Ryal. She died Dec. 27, 1993 at Okemah.

She married Bunnie John Bruner. He preceded her in death. Bruner was a member of Hickory Ground Baptist Church No. 2 and had served as women's leader.

Survivors include: sons, Louis Lett Bruner and Jake Bruner of Wichita, Kan., and Albert Bruner of Mounds; daughters, Elouise Gambler of Henryetta and Elizabeth Barnett of Lamar; a brother, Claude Fields of Henryetta; 25 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; several nieces; neph-

ews; and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by: a son, John Bruner Jr.; and a brother, Artussee Fields.

ROMAN COOKSEY BUTLER

HILLABEE — Funeral services for Roman Cooksey Butler were held Jan. 1 at Hillabee Baptist Church. Butler was born July 20, 1940 to Andrew and Ella Bullet Butler at Hanna. He was a laborer and a member of Hillabee Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Survivors include: daughters, Ramona Butler of Tulsa, Ruth Howe of Ponca City, and Carolyn Noreiga of Dustin; sons, Roger Butler of Shawnee, Janssen Butler of Eufaula, and Ronald and Randall Butler of Tulsa; brothers, Wesley Butler of Tulsa, and Andy Butler of Hanna; sisters, Christina Butler of Hanna, Edna Belcher of Eufaula, and Leta Marshall and Julia Guijon, both of Oklahoma City; and 16 grandchildren.

Interment was in the Butler Family Cemetery.

JAMES GEORGE FIFE

DUSTIN — Funeral services for James George Fife were held Jan. 13 at Thewarle Baptist Church with Rev. Mitchell Taylor officiating and Rev. Eastman Whitlow assisting.

Fife was born March 28, 1904 to Rev. Sandy and Louisa Lowe Fife in Dustin, Indian Territory. He died Jan. 10.

Fife attended Euchee Boarding School and Dustin High School. He attended college at Oklahoma A and M. He coached and played on amateur and semi-professional baseball teams. Fife was a farmer and retired from Amoco Oil Co. in 1969. He married Willia Carmen Griffith in 1937.

He was preceded in death by: his wife; daughter, Hanna Louise; his parents; and nephews, James Harold King and Dan Lincoln King.

Survivors include: sons, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief Bill Fife of Weleetka, Timmie Fife and Brian Fife, both of Dustin; daughters, Jimmie Carole Stewart of Washington, Sharon Mouss of Henryetta, Phyllis Fife of Tahlequah, Sandy Wilson of Morris, and Robin Fife of the home; daughter-in-laws, Mary of Weleetka, Sheila and Illa of Dustin; sons-in-law, Robert Stewart of Washington, Edward Mouss of

Henryetta, and Al Wilson of Morris; 18 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; several nieces; and nephews.

Pallbearers were: Al Wilson; Ed Mouss; Bob Stewart; Lonnie Ray Hyde; Michael Medeiros; and Leland Bear.

Honorary pallbearers were: Jack Robertson; Doyle Puckett; Newman Bunny; John David King; Milford E. King; and Jimmy Gaines Evans. Interment was in the Fife Family Cemetery.

LUCY VIRGINIA GAY

OKMULGEE — Graveside services for Lucy Gay were held Dec. 20 at Okmulgee Cemetery with Rev. Bob Burch officiating. She was born Oct. 30, 1919 to Mose and Millie Chisolm of Broken Arrow. She died Dec. 18, 1993 in Okmulgee. She was retired from Ball Brothers Glass.

Survivors include: daughters, Joyce Matheny of Tahlequah, Virginia Foust and Darla Yocham, both of Okmulgee; son, Bob Smith of Tulsa; six grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

JAMES ANDREW HANEY

MOORE — Funeral services for James Andrew Haney were held Dec. 17 at First Indian Baptist Church of Moore with Rev. Victor Cope officiating.

He was born Jan. 8, 1957 to Rev. Samuel and Tilda Haney of Pawnee. He died Dec. 15 from injuries sustained in an automobile-pedestrian accident.

He was a musician and singer with the bands Featherwing and Bo Dock. He also sang with Berryhill's Quartet. He was a member of First Indian Baptist Church, Moore.

Survivors include: wife, Bobbie of Shawnee; stepdaughter, Stephanie of the home; sisters, Alice Porter of Shawnee, Kissie Mouse of Mustang, Madeline Amos of Oklahoma City, and Ruth Haney of Tulsa; and brother, Thomas Fixico.

Pallbearers were: Thomas Fixico; Howard Haney; Allen Mouse; Robert Cowan; James Cowan; and Larry Goodwin.

Interment was in the Seminole Hitchitee Cemetery.

LEO LEE HICKS SR.

HENRYETTA — Funeral services for Leo Lee Hicks Sr. were held Dec. 31 at the Merritt Cottage Chapel. He

was born March 5, 1942 to Edmond and Louise Deere Hicks. He died Dec. 25 in Lancaster, Texas. He married Liza Mae Hicks Feb. 17, 1967. He was a mechanic.

Survivors include: his wife, of the home; daughter, Diane Denise Hicks of Henryetta; son Leo Lee Hicks Jr. of Henryetta; sister, Annette Miller of Checotah; two grandchildren; seven nieces; and five nephews.

Interment was in the Weogufkee Cemetery.

MARTIN EUGENE JOSHUA

HICHITA — Funeral services for Martin Eugene Joshua were held Jan. 8 at Grave Creek Baptist Church with Rev. Robert Washington officiating. Assisting were Revs. Chris Harjo and Legus Lowe.

Joshua was born Nov. 24, 1967 to Martin Joshua and Janie Bear. He died Jan. 4 in Oklahoma City. Joshua was an electrician.

He is preceded in death by an uncle, John Bear.

Survivors include: his parents; maternal grandmother, Alice Freeman of Oklahoma City; paternal grandmother, Annie Gooden of Holdenville; son, Christopher Jones of Virginia; brothers, Fous and Coacoché Ahaisse, both of Shawnee, and Todd and Mark Joshua, both of Oklahoma City; sisters, Regina and Alicia Joshua, both of Oklahoma City, and Takoche Ahaisse of Shawnee; stepbrother, Frankie Walker of Oklahoma City; six aunts; three uncles; a niece; a nephew; and a host of friends.

Pallbearers were: Younger Carpitcher; Thomas Dunn; John Bear Jr.; Monty Kernell; Frankie Walker; and Thomas Gentry. Honorary pallbearers were: Stuart Williams; Erick Postoak; Kelly Fixico; and Robert Washington Jr.

Interment was in the Grave Creek Cemetery.

JAYDE MITCHELL

HANNA — Funeral services for JayDe "JoBuc" Mitchell of Dustin were held Jan. 14 at Trenton Baptist Church with Rev. Sam Mitchell officiating.

A wake service was held Jan. 13 at the church. Mitchell died Jan. 10 in Shawnee following a car wreck.

He was born to Tony and Cilla Harjo Mitchell July 29, 1971 in Tahlequah. A laborer, he served two years in the Navy and was of the Protestant faith.

He was preceded in death by: his

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mother; and three brothers, Quinton, Jakie, and Joel Duane Mitchell.

He is survived by: his father of the home; stepmother, Jean Mitchell; brothers, Danny Mitchell of Seminole, Johnny Mitchell of Norman, Jason Mitchell of Shawnee, and Anthony Mitchell of the home; sisters, Judith Mitchell of Tulsa, and Tana Mitchell of Shawnee.

Pallbearers were: Henry Hicks; Thomas Hicks; Legus Mitchell; Johnny K. Mitchell; Tommy Ray Mitchell; and Jeremy Mitchell.

Burial was in the Mitchell Family Cemetery.

LENA PRIMEAUX

MUSKOGEE — Funeral services for Lena B. Primeaux were held Jan. 6 in the Bradley Belltower Chapel with Rev. Kenneth Loma officiating.

Primeaux died Jan. 2. She was born April 2, 1926 in Lenna to Walter Beaver and Jeanetta Moore Beaver Barnett.

She was reared and educated in the Eufaula area; she attended Eufaula Indian Boarding School and graduated from Eufaula High School. She also attended Haskell Institute. She married Elmer Primeaux on June 6, 1945 in Eufaula. She was a homemaker and worked at the Muskogee County Community Services. Primeaux was also a former officer of the Muskogee Indian Community and had volunteered with the tribal election board.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include: son, Floyd Primeaux of Bartlesville; daughters, Leah Wilson of Warrensburg, Mo., Brenda Brown of Broken Arrow, Geneva Hogner and Teresa McCoy, both of Muskogee; brothers, Samuel Beaver of Stidham, Emmanuel Barnett of Muskogee, and Joe Ray Barnett of Okmulgee; her mother, Jeanetta Barnett of Stidham; nine grandchildren; two aunts; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were: David Wilson; Leroy Adair; Norman Daniel; Jackie McCoy; and Washington Cummings.

Honorary pallbearers were: George Wilson; George Hogner; Tommy McCoy; William Brown; John Kelly; Ray Busha; Felix Sogee; Mark Beaver; Rex Baker; and James Nixon.

NELSON RANDALL

HENRYETTA — Funeral services for Nelson C. Randall, Okmulgee, were held Jan. 17 at Arbeka Baptist Church

with Revs. John Lowe and Christopher Harjo officiating.

A wake service was held Jan. 16.

Randall died Jan. 13 in the Veterans Hospital in Oklahoma City. He was born Sept. 9, 1958 to Willie C. and Mary Little Randall in Tulsa.

He had served in the U.S. Coast Guard and was a truck mechanic. He was a member of Arbeka Baptist Church.

Survivors include: his mother; his father; and stepmother, Vena Randall, both of Okmulgee; daughter, Stephanie Randall; and son, Jeremy Randall, both of Lonoke, Ark.; brothers, Ronnie and Donnie Randall, both of Tulsa; sisters, Diane Randall of Okmulgee, Sonja Randall of Okemah, and Wilma Randall of Tulsa.

Pallbearers were: Wilbert Lowe; Jacob Lowe; Rick Powell; Freeland Powell; David Hale; and Rusty Powell.

EASTMAN RICHARD

HICHITA — Funeral services for Eastman Richard were held Dec. 21 at Grave Creek Baptist Church. Richard was born Sept. 2, 1913 in Checotah. He died Dec. 16 in Muskogee.

Survivors include: sister, Leona Fox; sons, Eastman Leon Richard, Wesley Richard, and Bill Richard; daughter, Janelle Johnson; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Interment was in the Grave Creek Cemetery.

SARAH JANE SMITH

HENRYETTA — Funeral Services for Sarah Jane Smith were held Dec. 14 at Shurden Chapel with Rev. Don Walker officiating.

She was born June 7, 1913 to Tom and Minnie Riley in Weleetka. She died Dec. 11 at her home.

She married Willis Smith June 10, 1952 in Little Rock, Ark. She was a homemaker and attended Hutchachuppa Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include: sons, Bruce Smith, Brent Smith, and Byron Smith, all of Weleetka; daughters, Barbara Smith of Weleetka, and Susie Shaikh of Edmond; daughters-in-law, Vicky and Rita, both of Weleetka; son-in-law, Mohammed Shaikh of Edmond; sisters, Millie Bowman of Fort Thomas, Ariz., and Ann Davis of Henrietta, Texas; seven grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Billy Williams; Barton Williams; Roy Fish; Larry Luellen; Don Smith; and Jonathan Riley.

ALEX WALKER

RYAL — Funeral services for Alex Walker of Bryant were held in the home of Elsie Lowery with Rev. Barney Walker officiating.

Song services were held Jan. 11 at Merritt Cottage Chapel.

Walker died Jan. 10.

He was born Jan. 25, 1912 in Okmulgee County to Dick and Minda Harjo Walker.

He was married to Johnnie May McNac and was a retired laborer. He had lived in Ryal for many years and was a member of Hickory Ground Baptist Church No. 2.

He was preceded in death by: his wife; parents; sisters, Ella Taylor and Hepsey Frye; half sister, Minnie Gray; and brother, Robert Walker.

Survivors include: brothers, Rev. Walker of Holdenville and George Walker of Ryal; several nieces; nephews; and many friends.

Pallbearers were: Barney Walker Jr.; Tommy Walker; Allen Lowery; Roley Taylor; Leo Harley; and Newman Taylor.

Interment was in Hickory Ground No. 2 Cemetery.

SAM WILSON YARGEE

WETUMKA — Funeral services for Sam Wilson Yargee were held Jan. 17 at Wetumka Indian Baptist Church with Revs. Alex Buck and Jim Wesley officiating.

He was born June 6, 1936 to Phillip and Lesta Barnett Yargee in Wetumka. He died Jan. 13 in Ada.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; and brother, Roman Yargee.

Survivors include: stepmother, Winey Yargee of Holdenville; brothers, Joseph Yargee and David Yargee of Shawnee, Tarpie Yargee of Seminole, Henry Yargee of Wright City, Robert Yargee of Fore, Jack Yargee of Eufaula, and Phillip Yargee of Wewoka; sisters, Evelyn McLemore of Tennessee, Bessie Talamasy of Bowlegs, Rovenia and Josephine Yargee, both of Holdenville; aunts, Millie Wesley, Lela Barnes, and Leanna Moon, all of Wetumka; uncle, Muncie Barnett of Wetumka; stepbrothers, John King of Tennessee, and Wallace Scott of Holdenville; several nieces; and several nephews. Interment was in the Yeager Cemetery.

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Tekopuche Methodist Church

HOLDENVILLE — Tekopuche Independent Methodist Church is holding its annual wild onion dinner from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Feb. 12 at Holdenville Indian Community Center, 416 E. Poplar. The all-you-can-eat dinner is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 and under. Dessert and drink are included in the price. Signs will be posted in the area. The public is welcome.

Holdenville Full Gospel Church

HOLDENVILLE — An all-you-can-eat wild onion dinner to benefit the local full gospel church will be held March

26 at Holdenville Indian Community Center, 416 E. Poplar. The cost is \$5 per person.

Salt Creek Methodist Church

WETUMKA — Salt Creek United Methodist Church will hold its wild onion dinner from noon to 6 p.m., March 5 at the church. The all-you-can-eat dinner is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. There will also be a quilt and craft sale.

The church is located eight miles north on state highway 48 and two miles east of Holdenville or seven miles west on state highway 9 and two miles south of Wetumka.

Gratitude

Our heart-felt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, food, and other kindness, we are deeply grateful. Special thanks to: Deloris Harjo Mambi; Creek Nation; Thlophlocco Tribal Town; Donnie MacNac; Rev. Robert Kernell; and Rev. Felix Tiger.

Bennie Jimboy Family, Augustine Blackowl

The family of Jimmy Skeeter would like to thank family, friends, and the many tribal employees that comforted us at the recent passing of Jimmy Skeeter. All donations and condolences are deeply appreciated. Thank you.

Andrew Skeeter and family

National Council considers brief agenda

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) National Council approved two resolutions and repealed earlier legislation at its Jan. 29 regular session.

The first regular session of the 1994-95 National Council featured a light agenda. Thirty-five members were present. McIntosh District representative Tommy Newton was absent.

The Council approved unanimously (34 votes — Speaker Steve Bruner did not vote) a tribal resolution supporting the Chickasaw Nation's attempt to contract the housekeeping ser-

vices for the Carl Albert Indian health facility in Ada.

In other business, the Council:

— confirmed the appointment of Floyd Jones of Okmulgee, to the Eufaula Dormitory School Board. Jones also received unanimous approval;

— repealed two proposed Constitutional amendments (NCA 93-123 and NCA 93-125). The former proposed a reduction in the Council membership and the latter proposed to prevent any full citizen with a previous felony conviction to run for an elected office. Language

in both of the bills was considered ambiguous and the more than \$10,000 cost for a special election was also considered. The vote was 32-2 with Okmulgee District reps. Charlie Litsey and Jim Harjo voting against repeal; and

— returned to committee an appropriations bill for the emergency home improvement program. The primary reasons were to identify the funding source and the availability of funds. The motion passed 32-2 with Hughes District rep. Dwayne Lowe and McIntosh District rep. Sandy McIntosh voting no.

Tribal tags

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Office of Tax Commission has begun tagging tribally-owned vehicles. Pictured with a new tribal license tag is tax commissioner Sam Alexander (left) and Principal Chief Bill Fife. The tribe was registering its vehicles with the state of Oklahoma. Now, the tax commission is issuing its own vehicle registrations and titles, as well as the license tags.



photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Fife notes achievements, offers goals in address

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junction against the state agencies preventing them from attempting to confiscate tribal tobacco products.

Fife also said that tribal employment has increased, as well as the nation's budget during his administration. Fife reported that the Muscogee Nation had a clean audit report for the first time in years and that the tribe's accounting system has been recognized as one of the most efficient.

Fife emphasized that his priorities for 1994 remain families

and communities. Specifically, his goals are:

- expanding and developing early childhood programs that promote parental involvement;
- offering parenting education to young families;
- providing wholesome family activities and programs that promote participation of all family members;
- developing landscaping and new buildings at the tribal capitol complex to create an environment more inviting to Muscogee

families; and

- developing programs that encourage self-help and self-support.

Regarding communities, Fife listed as priorities:

- directing the community services division to help communities assess the needs and conditions of local citizens;
- providing additional training and technical assistance so that community organizations will be better managed and have greater accountability; and

- assisting communities to develop and promote programs that concentrate on family togetherness.

Fife said he would like for the National Council to require more detailed plans and proposals from communities as a condition to receive community development block grant funds.

"Today, I welcome change, I embrace it and I encourage you to do the same," Fife said. "We are a great tribe, but we can be greater."

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full bloods to let him know of anyone bothering them.

1902 - Creek poet and humorist Alex Posey publishes his first Fus Fixico letter in the Indian Journal.

1903 - Creek Chief Pleasant Porter tells the Board of Indian Commissioners that Indians are dying off not from disease, but from "the want of hope."

1905 - delegates from the eastern half of I.T. meet in Muskogee at the Sequoyah Constitutional Convention with the intent of making I.T. its own state.

1907 - Oklahoma becomes a state.

1908 - Alex Posey dies while trying to cross a flooded river.

1912 - the U.S. Supreme Court decides that tax exemption is a vested Indian right, and as long as it is held by the original allottee, the Creek homesteads allotment remain tax-exempt for

periods varying from 21 years to "in perpetuity."

1924 - all Indians born in the U.S. are finally given full citizenship.

1930 - U.S. Senate holds hearings on reported famine among Oklahoma tribes. The 1930 census shows 92,715 Indians living in Oklahoma.

1934 - Creek delegates from each of the Creek towns meet northwest of Okmulgee at the New Town Church to hold the first tribal election since the election of Pleasant Porter. The Wheeler-Howard Act, or "Indian New Deal," attempts to rebuild the tribes and their cultures, stops further allotment of lands held by the tribe, authorizes expenditures of \$2 million per year for the acquisition of land for landless Indians, and establishes a student loan fund for Indians.

1936 - after drastic amendments to satisfy Oklahoma objectors, Congress makes the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act

law, allowing tribes to adopt constitutions and receive charters of incorporation giving them the right to engage in business, administer tribal property, and elect offices.

1950 - President Eisenhower changes federal policy toward Indians once again, and Congress enacts laws for a new Indian program called "termination." The idea is to end all federal involvement with the Indians and leave the states to deal with them.

1957 - The federal government has a new Indian program — "relocation" — which offers jobs to induce rural Indians to relocate to big cities in the hopes of mainstreaming them.

1968 - President Johnson calls the Indian "the forgotten American." Congress responds by voting \$510 million for Indian aid programs. Federal provisions granting state governments the right to assume jurisdiction over Indian Country are changed so that tribal consent is required.

1970 - the direct election of principal chiefs for the Five Tribes replaces federal appointments.

1975 - President Ford signs the Indian Self-determination and Education Act which promises Indians more say on their own reservations and in educational matters.

1976 - the Creek Nation House of Warriors and House of Kings are revived after the Supreme Court rules that historical evidence showed that Congress had not terminated Creek sovereignty, nor had it abolished the tribe's territorial jurisdiction.

1977 - President Carter creates a new post — Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs — to advance Indian interests.

1978 - Oklahoma Attorney General Larry Derryberry acknowledges "Oklahoma possesses no jurisdiction to prosecute crimes and offenses defined by the Major Crimes Act, com-

maintenance.

Crow and the committee have been meeting since November to plan for the festival. "This year will be the 20th annual festival and the committee and I want to make it spectacular," Crow said. "To meet this goal is going to require a lot of hard work from a lot of dedicated people."

Crow said the committee welcomes any citizen who will volunteer his or her efforts to make the 1994 festival the "best ever."

Other festival committee members are: Sherry Baker; Jimmy Gibson; Henry Harjo; Sonny O'Hern; Okemah Randall; Pearl Thomas; and Barton Williams, vice-chair.

mitted by Indian against Indian, upon trust allotment land with the geographical boundaries of the state of Oklahoma defined as Indian Country."

The Bureau of Indian Affairs concludes that tribes may establish criminal codes and courts to control criminal conduct by Indians on restricted or trust allotments if their tribal constitutions authorize them to do so.

1979 - the Creeks formally replace their 112-year-old Constitution with a new document.

1980 - there are more than 1.3 million Indians in the U.S.

1990 - U.S. Census shows more than 252,420 American Indians live in Oklahoma — the largest concentration in the U.S.

While it is easy to get bitter or discouraged about our past relationships with state and federal governments, we must remember our purpose and that the struggle for justice remains with us as long as we are Indians.



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20th annual festival & rodeo plans progressing

OKMULGEE — Plans for the 20th Annual Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo June 17, 18, and 19 are progressing well, said Shelly Crow, second chief and chair of the festival committee.

"Our plans are going great," Crow said. "We are more organized and more detailed with our event planning this year."

Crow said the committee is still accepting volunteers to participate in the 1994 edition of the tribe's annual holiday.

Several of the festival subcommittees have met and are beginning preparation for their respective events.

"Many of these people have worked with this committee and others and know what it takes to have a successful festival," Crow said. "I am grateful with the participation we have so far."

The following subcommittees and their chairs:

- parade, Curtis Hicks, employment and train-

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Breaking ground



photo by Steve Hall, Okmulgee Daily Times

Breaking the ground at the tribe's Feb. 28 ceremony for the new human development center are from left to right: Ron Petty, Flintco Construction Co.; Marsha Wilbanks, Wilbanks-Childers Associates architects; Evelyn Parker, tribal citizen; David Nichols, Okmulgee District representative; Melissa McCoy, citizen; Dave Lewis, Okmulgee District rep.; Bill Fife, principal chief; Valeria Littlecreek, human development director; A.D. Ellis, Okmulgee District rep.; Shelly Crow, second chief; Yahola Townsend, McIntosh District rep.; Pearl Thomas, elderly nutrition; Hugh Johnson, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; (partially obscured) Thomas McIntosh, McIntosh District rep.; Irene Cleghorn, Tulsa District rep.; Jerry Wilson, executive director; (partially obscured) Rev. Jerry Baker, Choska Circuit; Sam Proctor, Tallahassee; Wynema Roberts, Okfuskee District rep.; Earl King, Tulsa District rep.; and Lewis Proctor, Tallahassee mekko.

Chief says his plan for tribal health care reform near

OKMULGEE — Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief Bill Fife said his administration is making significant progress in the tribe's health environment despite monetary resource deficiencies.

Fife said he has:

- initiated the first stages of implementing a community health process which looks at the community in a holistic approach. This process will bring tribal community health representatives (CHR)

into the health delivery process with the intention of making them vital players on the health



Fife

care team. Intensive training plans have been developed and efforts are underway to complete this training in fiscal year 1994;

- begun to undertake environmental activities related to clean water, drinking water, solid waste, and hazardous materials. For example: "We assisted a local community to resist unneeded waste water disposal efforts and assisted the local municipality to make a decision we felt correct. We provided input into medical waste disposal concerns and have provided input and technical assistance to state agencies in these matters."

Fife also said as resources are threatened, "we expect these activities to increase, especially with the nation's increasing responsibility, such as compliance with recently enacted environmental acts;"

- employed a chief medical and statistical officer because no previous program existed to monitor the health status and indicators of the nation. "We have now employed a chief medical officer and statistical officer to provide the necessary health data, programs, and epidemiological functions. For instance, what contributes to our present health status and what can we do to correct these health problems;"

- initiated development of a short-term approach to the facility capacity problems which are reflected in the fiscal year 1994 budget. In medical care, this includes: expanding the Sapulpa and Eufaula clinics; moving the Okemah Clinic to the space now occupied by the Okfuskee County Health Department; moving the Okmulgee dental unit and increas-

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Tribal gaming impacts state economy

by Shelly Crow, second chief

The impact of Muscogee (Creek) Nation gaming on the citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the citizens of the state of Oklahoma is significant and far reaching. It is a major player in the economic well-being of the local and state economies.

Tribal gaming employs approximately 240 people with 95 percent being Indian. The payroll is approximately \$3.5 million.

At the tribally chartered community level, employment approximates 50 people with a payroll of \$650,000.

Acceptable economic indicators provide for a rollover factor of each dollar four times. This total economic impact equates to approximately \$16 million pumped into the Muscogee (Creek) Nation tribal economy. This \$16 million also fuels the local and state economies.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation gaming dollars are being used to purchase goods and services at stores and vendors for gasoline, groceries,

clothing, doctors, attorneys, prescriptions, restaurants, entertainment, and housing.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation gaming dollars are also taxed by state and local governments to further create revenue sources for the operation of schools and services provided by local governments such as police and fire protection, water and garbage services, and the provision of utilities such as rural electric services.

Approximately \$641,000 are provided directly to churches, ceremonial grounds, fire stations, building funds, and community block grants.

Approximately \$3 million are used for direct service programs of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation such as the elderly nutrition program, the Muscogee Nation higher education program, and other similar citizen services are provided for citizens by gaming revenues.

The best way to understand and realize the impact of Muscogee (Creek) Nation tribal gaming activities is to envision the Muscogee (Creek) Nation without tribal gaming. Too often, the question is asked of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation —

"Do you pay your fair share?"

The answer is:

"Could the state of Oklahoma survive if Class II gaming did not exist in the state?"



Crow

Young Muscogee ladies sought for tribal pageant

OKMULGEE — The Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation Pageant will officially kick-off the 20th Annual Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo June 16.

The pageant committee has initiated planning for the pageant and is encouraging interested, young, Creek ladies to apply. Applicants must:

- ◆ be at least one-quarter blood, enrolled Muscogee;
- ◆ be between the ages of 16 and 21 by the pageant date;
- ◆ never married or have a child;
- ◆ live within Muscogee Nation boundaries;
- ◆ submit three letters of recommendation;
- ◆ submit a 500-word essay on why they are seeking the title;
- ◆ not cohabit before or during reign; and
- ◆ attend an orientation workshop on Muscogee government and culture.

Applications may be obtained from pageant committee chair Rita Williams at Oakdale School, located south of Okmulgee just off of U.S. Highway 75. Williams may also be contacted by calling (918) 756-0319 or writing: Attn. Rita Williams, Muscogee Nation, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Although the application deadline is June 4, Williams said each contestant should submit a photograph and telephone number by April 29.

would not be possible for me to attend college without the financial and moral support of our tribe. My only hope is that this support can continue for generations to come, and that I too, can help our people when I finally earn that degree.

Robert Maschino, Wisconsin

Citizen thanks CNHA employee

Editor:

The people who live on the 500 and 600 blocks of North Pine in Holdenville would like to thank Gary Guthrie for the work he did on the drainage ditches which had caused us a lot of problems during the rainy season. Guthrie is an inspector for the Creek Nation Housing Authority. We need more people like Gary who has a concern for Creek citizens.

Charlie Franks, Holdenville

Letters to the editor are welcome and must be signed with a traceable address for verification. The Muscogee Nation News reserves the right to edit all submissions for space, clarity, grammar, and legalities.

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Letters to the editor

Graduate thanks program

Editor:

I would like to express my appreciation by thanking the tribal adult vocational training staff for helping me throughout my training period. I will never forget the help you have given me.

Dawn Dutchy, Tulsa

Citizen seeks cemetery information

Editor:

I would be grateful if anyone can tell me about any Indian cemeteries south of the old Snake Creek Bridge, south of Bixby. I am trying to find my dad's gravesite — Henry Brown Sr. Please contact me at: 1836 Herman, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

John W. Brown Sr., Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Student thanks program

Editor:

I wish to express my thanks to the Muscogee Nation for the financial support I received to further my education. I am presently enrolled in a Wisconsin college and I am working full-time. It

Council confirms division director, tribal district judge

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) National Council confirmed Valeria Henneha Littlecreek as director of human development at its Feb. 26 regular session.

The tribe's legislative body approved Principal Chief Bill Fife's nomination 25-9.

Littlecreek, 40, is the former director of the Indian education section for the Oklahoma State Department of Education. She becomes the second human development director for the Fife administration, succeeding Abe McIntosh who retired last year.

An Okemah native, Littlecreek told the Council after her confirmation that, she is eager to work with people, especially those seeking education.

"I believe education is the key," Littlecreek said, adding that she will live by her belief during her term.

Thirty-five representatives were present. Absent was McIntosh District representative Tommy Newton. Speaker Steve Bruner conducted the meeting and did not vote.

Opposed to the confirmation were: Irene

Cleghorn and Jess Kelley, Tulsa District; Charlie Coker, Muskogee District; Barbara Gillespie, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes District; Anderson Hale, Dave Lewis, Charlie Litsey, Peggy Lyda, and David Nichols, Okmulgee District.

In other business, the Council:

— confirmed (33-1) Patrick Moore, tribal district court judge to another four-year term. Moore, an assistant district attorney for Okmulgee and McIntosh counties, has been tribal district court judge for six years.

Opposed to the confirmation: Wynema Roberts, Okfuskee District.

— approved unanimously a supplemental appropriation for the emergency home improvement program. The \$20,000 will be taken from the taxes and licenses account (\$18,000) and the rest from docket 21-276 funds;

— approved (33-1) to appropriate \$18,000 for nine Muscogee churches complying with the church repair program. Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes District rep. Barbara Gillespie told the Council there were 26 churches requesting church funding and that the rest would be funded as soon as money becomes available. The money for this appropriation will be taken from docket 7151.

Opposed to the appropriation: Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh District;

— approved a resolution that requests the executive branch to direct the personnel office

and directors to implement a means of conducting thorough background checks and review previous histories of tribal employees.

Tribal executive director Jerry Wilson told the Council the administration is working on a personnel policy that would address hiring practices.

The resolution is not a tribal ordinance.

Opposed to the resolution: Roberts, Okfuskee District;

— returned (21-11) to the business and government committee a bill extending the funding of the elderly driveway repair fund. The bill originally called for \$20,000 for the extension.

Okmulgee District rep. Dave Lewis said the money was not enough as some elderly live great distances from their roads;

— returned (32-0) to the human development committee, the Head Start policy and procedures bill. Tulsa District rep. Larry Bible told the Council the bill needed to be the result of efforts between the tribal administration and the Head Start program; and

— returned (34-0) to the business and governmental operations committee a bill authorizing the disbursement of the community development block grant funds.

In other Council news:

• Bruner told the Council that policy and pro-

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The speaker's report

by Steve Bruner, National Council speaker

Representing the Muscogee (Creek) National Council I, and several other tribal legislators, attended the first strategic planning conference Feb. 5 at the Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee campus.

We felt that this first meeting was successful in terms of seeing the legislative body and the administration working together to broaden our thinking and coming up with an analytical approach to some of the problems our tribal government is facing.

During the brainstorming session, we worked in teams to develop an overall mission statement which will eventually become a tribal strategic plan which will be implemented to define the purpose and direction of the nation for the immediate future.

As we worked in five groups with a facilitator, the number one priority was educational opportunities for our tribal citizens. This and other pri-

orities will take on added significance as the nation has contracted programs under self-governance. The tribal strategic plan will be of great benefit in designing or redesigning our programs to better serve our citizens.

I would like to thank the National Council committee chairs (or their designates) for attending this first session on strategic planning. Invited to attend were: Tommy Newton, tribal affairs; Larry Bible, community services and cultural; Perry Beaver, business and government; Dwayne Lowe, human development; and Thomas Yahola, second speaker.

The next session on strategic planning is March 5. We are looking forward to continuing this planning process for the future of the Muscogee Nation and its citizens...

In other issues affecting the tribal government, I would also like to share some brief views, as speaker, on gaming and our tribe.

With reference to the Muscogee Nation I believe gaming and tobacco sales appear to be our only two sources of revenue that the federal government has seen fit to allow us to participate in. But our tribe is actively seeking other revenue producing ventures, although these two areas

have been the most profitable for providing much needed services to our people and furthering the economic self-sufficiency of the tribe.

My observations on gaming within the Muscogee Nation are: while the tribal government has benefitted greatly from its gaming enterprises, not all of the ventures have been completely successful. Some bingo operations have been closed because they could not maintain a profit.

However, when you look at the limited number of revenue successes the tribe has, then one must appreciate our gaming operations. Without this source of revenue, the tribe would be in dire straights economically — with the services to tribal citizens seriously affected.

From a regulatory aspect, I do feel that there are sufficient regulations and laws in place to maintain a professionally operated gaming enterprise. And even though the tribal government oversees the operations in a professional and business-like manner, overall, I still believe there can be even greater improvements made for efficiency. This is nothing new and nothing less than the majority of our people are seeking in all areas of

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Notices

Citizen forms traditional artists organization

HENRYETTA — Mike Berryhill is soliciting the assistance of any individual with knowledge and experience in creating traditional arts with the objective of establishing an organization to perpetuate indigenous art forms such as: bow; arrow; flint head; ball stick making; and hide processing using the brain tan method.

For more information, contact Berryhill at (918) 652-7868 after 4 p.m. weekdays.

Events

Murrow Children's Home hosts festival

MUSKOGEE — The Murrow Indian Children's Home will host the Grand Moccasin Festival, featuring a hot air balloon show, April 15 through 17 on the Bacone College Campus.

Arts and crafts vendors may rent space for \$25 per space, payable March 15. For more information, write Murrow Indian Children's Home, 2540 Murrow Circle, Muskogee, OK 74403.

Keeper of the plains art show

ENID — Limited booth space for an American Indian art show and sale is available April 15 through 17 at Convention Hall. The show and sale is in conjunction with the unveiling of the "Keeper of the Plains" monument. For more information, call (405) 237-2494.

Methodist recovery camp dates

HINTON — The United Indian Recovery Association Methodist Canyon Camp will be May 13 through 15. According to the group's announcement, the purpose of the UIRA is to promote a healthy, chemical-free lifestyle and Indian culture. Workshops are on art therapy, relaxation, relapse prevention, and family sculpting.

Pre-registration cost is \$65 and is due May 1. After May 1, the cost is \$85. Registration fee includes UIRA membership, five meals, and two nights lodging.

For information, call John Scruggins at: (918) 458-0940 or 458-4453; and Jacqueline Triplett at: (918) 623-0044.

OU Indian students host stomp dance

NORMAN — The University of Oklahoma American Indian Student Association will serve as host for a stomp dance and pow wow March 18 and 19 at Lloyd Noble Center, 2900 Jenkins Ave.

The March 18 stomp dance begins with dinner at 6 p.m. and dancing at 7 p.m. The March 19 pow wow begins at 2 p.m. with gourd dancing. Dinner is at 5 p.m. Intertribal dancing and dance contests begin with grand entry at 7 p.m.

For more information, call (405) 366-8775 or (405) 325-3163.

Yuchi-Mvskoke artist to exhibit artwork

OKMULGEE — Yuchi-Mvskoke artist Wanda A. Greene will hold an art exhibit entitled *Pride and Strength* March 12 through 25 at the Muscogee Nation Independent Agencies Building (mound) Auditorium.

A reception and opening day exhibit will be held from 1 to 4 p.m., March 12.

Her exhibit will consist of considerable abstract expressionistic paintings in acrylic — the largest measuring nine by six feet.

Greene attended Bixby High School and Oklahoma State Technical School. She received an associate of fine arts in studio painting from the Institute of American Indian Arts in 1986. In 1993 she received a bachelor of fine arts from the University of Oklahoma.

Her artwork has been exhibited at some of the following museums and institutions: Institute of American Indian Arts Museum; Smithsonian Institution; The University of Oklahoma Museum of Art; Fred Jones Jr. Memorial Art Center; and Pennsylvania State



Greene in front of "False Face", an acrylic painting.

University. A multifaceted artist, she also is skilled in oil painting, photography, and serigraphy.

Greene is the daughter of Jimmie and the late Pauline Greene of Bixby.

For more information, contact Stephanie Berryhill, Muscogee Nation Communications, at (918) 756-8700, ext. 326.

Notices

OU Indian Heritage Week

NORMAN — Seven American Indian student organizations at the University of Oklahoma will host the annual Indian heritage week March 11 through 19. The following lists the event, dates, and contact:

- three-on-three basketball tournament, March 11 and 12, Robert Whitebird, (405) 325-3742;
- Miss Indian OU Pageant, March 15, Shannon Freeman, (405) 325-3163;
- Native American Law Students Association dinner theater, March 16, Brett Williams, (405) 366-8312;
- Suzanne Shown Harjo-Mitch Walking Elk addresses, March 17, Susan Gray, (405) 325-9952;
- stompdance, March 18, Stephen Selkirk, (405) 366-8775; and
- pow wow, March 19, Selkirk, (405) 366-8875, or Freeman, (405) 366-8775.

Tribal Government Institute

NORMAN — The Tribal Government Institute assists Indian-owned businesses in market-

ing their goods and services to the U.S. government. According to the institute, it has secured more than \$4 million in federal contracts for its clients. For more information, contact TGI at (405) 329-5542.

Indian contractors sought

TULSA — Flintco, Inc., an Indian-owned construction firm, is developing and managing construction projects and is pursuing future construction contracts. Flintco is seeking Indian contractors for the following information:

- qualifications and experience;
- specialty construction or general;
- organization information; and
- locations and areas able to work.

Send relevant information to: Flintco, Inc., Indian Constructors, P.O. Box 490, Tulsa, OK 74101.

Baby photo contest

SAND SPRINGS — The Oklahoma Indian Theatre and Dance Company is sponsoring a statewide baby (0-2 yrs.) photo contest. The cost is \$5 per entry. Deadline is March 18. For more information, call (918) 245-3944.

Announcements

Okmulgee clinic adds dentist

OKMULGEE — Dr. Darrell Zehr, doctor of medical dentistry, has been added to the Muscogee Nation Okmulgee dental clinic staff.

An Ithaca, N.Y. native, Zehr grew up in South Carolina. He graduated from Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Va., in 1989, and is a 1993 graduate of the Medical University of South Carolina Dental School in Charleston, S.C. He is licensed by Indiana.

"We are happy to have Dr. Zehr aboard," said Doug White, chief dental officer. "This will fulfill our remaining dentist position at the Okmulgee clinic and increases the number of dentists in the Creek Nation dental clinics to four."

The tribe contracts with Indian Health Service to provide dental care to eligible Indians living within the tribe's service area. The nation has dental clinics at Eufaula, Okmulgee, and Sapulpa.

Tribe receives notification of funding

OKMULGEE — Muscogee Nation Principal Chief Bill Fife announced that he has received verbal notification that the tribe has been awarded a \$300,000 grant for a tribal transit service.

The program will give service priority to elderly, disabled, and low income citizens. The tribe expects to acquire five transport vehicles to implement the program. Headquarters will be in Okmulgee with other locations in Checotah, Okemah, and Sapulpa.

Project funding is from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration. Fife said the tribe's proposal was written by Dr. Pete Coser of the comprehensive planning department.

Consumer loans receives judgement

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Consumer Loan Program has obtained a judgement from tribal court against one of its borrowers who defaulted on a loan. The judgement will be enforced by state court.

The loan department will take legal action against those who default. Such action may result in repossessions, garnishment of wages, possible attachments of assets, and additional costs of legal actions.

The program is willing to consider payment arrangements if the borrower initiates the action. For more information, contact the program at (918) 756-8700.

Tribal 4-H swine program hosts show

OKMULGEE — The Creek Nation 4-H program is hosting its first swine show March 7 at the Okmulgee County Fairgrounds, one mile west of U.S. Highway 75 and loop 56. The show cul-

CNHAclarifies modernization project

OKMULGEE — The Creek Nation Housing Authority modernization program is now in its third year of funding.

The comprehensive grant program, funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, is designed to modernize mutual help homes that are at least 10 years old.

Other program components include:

- meeting disabled access requirements in the authority's low rent units and office buildings;

- meeting disabled access requirements in the authority's main office building; and

- correcting construction or design deficiencies.

In addition to the age of the home, other program eligibility guidelines require that the home be occupied on a full-time basis by the home buyer and that the payments on the home are current.

Initiated in fiscal year 1992, work will continue through fiscal year 1996. The work began with the oldest projects and continues to the next oldest project. Funds are allocated by project. Mutual help homes will be modernized by project and not by individual homes.

For more information, contact the housing authority at (918) 756-8504 or toll-free, at 1 (800) 259-5050.

Creek Nation Housing Authority comprehensive grant program project report and schedule

Fiscal Year 1992	FY 92	FY 92
<u>Project</u>	<u>Unit type</u>	<u>Number of units</u>
51-01	low rent	2 units
51-04	mutual help	33 units
51-06	low rent	2 units
51-09	mutual help	9 units
51-15	mutual help	72 units
Fiscal Year 1993	FY 93	FY 93
51-07	low rent	2 units
51-08	low rent	4 units
51-12	low rent	4 units
51-16	mutual help	86 units
51-17	mutual help	61 of 81 units
Fiscal Year 1994	FY 94	FY 94
51-17	mutual help	20 units
51-19	low rent	3 units
51-20	mutual help	57 units
51-21	mutual help	52 units
51-22	mutual help	30 of 60 units
51-23	low rent	3 units
Fiscal Year 1995	FY 95	FY 95
51-18	mutual help	39 units
51-24	mutual help	37 units
51-26	mutual help	81 units
51-22	mutual help	30 of 60 units
Fiscal Year 1996	FY 96	FY 96
51-25	mutual help	41 units
51-28	mutual help	10 units
51-29	mutual help	24 units
51-30	mutual help	24 units
51-31	mutual help	21 units
51-32	mutual help	21 units
51-33	mutual help	23 units
51-34	mutual help	23 units
51-35	mutual help	25 units

minates the first year of the tribe's 4-H swine program. The show is limited to those tribal program participants.

Prizes will be awarded for grand champion, reserve grand champion, breed, and reserve breed champions.

Robin Cooper, 4-H extension agent, said the swine show is one part of an on-going program to get the young people living within Creek Nation involved with 4-H and livestock projects.

"The program so far has been very successful," Cooper said. "The kids are very excited about the work they've done with their pigs."

For more information, contact Cooper at (918) 756-8700.

Pageant committee to hold fundraisers

OKMULGEE — The Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation Pageant Committee will be holding breakfast sales to help fund Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation Marva Jackson's trip to the Gathering of Nations in Albuquerque, N.M.

The breakfast sales will begin at 8 a.m., March 14 and 28 in the nutrition center at the tribal capitol complex. Breakfast will consist of: a biscuit; gravy; sausage; and orange juice for \$2.50.

**Plan to attend
The 20th Annual
Creek Nation
Festival & Rodeo!
June 17, 18, & 19**

**To participate, volunteer, or to
advertise in the commemorative
festival program, contact the
Muscogee Nation
Communications Department at
(918) 756-8700, ext. 327.
*Don't miss the excitement!***

Chartered community news

Submitted by chartered community members

Eufaula

• Eufaula Indian Community seniors visited Eureka Springs to attend the area's passion play this winter. Attending were: Jesse Pipkins; Ann Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Ohland Morton; Henrietta Marshall; Jenny Barnett; Harriette Tiger; and Jerry Francis, driver.

• The community distributed turkeys in November.

• A community Christmas dinner was well-attended and gifts were given to families.

• Henrietta Marshall is teaching Creek language classes at the community center.

• A fund-raising Indian taco dinner with lots of sofke was held Feb. 12 to raise funds for the community's Labor Day pow wow.

• Magician Brett Montray was the featured entertainer at the community's Valentine's Day banquet.

• A wild onion dinner will be held March 5 beginning at 11 a.m. at the community center. This is to raise funds for the Labor Day pow wow.

• The 1993-94 community Little Miss Eufaula Indian Community is Jamie Lea Frederick.

Koweta

• Seth McIntosh earned a berth in a state

Births

Nicholas Keane Caywood

CLAREMORE — Nicholas Keane Caywood was born Dec. 4 at Claremore Indian Hospital to Samuel and Susan Caywood of Cleveland. He weighed 3 pounds, 4 ounces and was 16 and one-half inches at birth. Maternal grandparents are Danny and Neomi Lindsey of Dewar.



Caywood

Danny Alex Lindsey

OKMULGEE — Danny Alex Lindsey was born Dec. 20 at Okmulgee Memorial Hospital to Denise Lindsey of Dewar. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches at birth. Maternal grandparents are Danny and Neomi Lindsey of Dewar.



Lindsey

tournament after a second place finish at the regional tournament. McIntosh is the son of Lecrisha and J.T. McIntosh.

• Eli Connally took fourth place at a regional competition.

• Language classes are held at 7 p.m., Tuesdays at the community center. The class is being taught by Rev. George Doyle.

Twin Hills-Concharty

• Community members voted at their January meeting to amend their by-laws and modify the community's name. The community will now be known as Twin Hills-Concharty Indian Community. The community and residents can be more easily identified since Concharty is one of the original tribal towns and citizens throughout the Creek Nation are familiar with this area, said A.D.

Birthdays

Polly Homma

OKMULGEE — Mvskoke original allottee Polly Miller Homma celebrated her 94th birthday recently with an open house. She was born northwest of Okmulgee to Seborn and Effa Berryhill Miller on Feb. 18, 1900. A life-long member of



Homma

Ellis, Okmulgee District representative.

Weleetka

• Weleetka Indian Community officers are: Nettie Scott, chair; Slvia Crawford, vice-chair; and Francis Miller, secretary-treasurer.

• The community meets the last Thursday of the month at 609 S. Chickasaw.

Newtown United Methodist Church, she is its oldest member also. Homma belongs to the Wind Clan and Concharty Tribal Town.

"I love people all the days of my life. Everything they do — I see good things in that person." Following a quotation of humorist Will Rogers, Homma said "I never met a people I didn't like."

Tonie Grayson

OKMULGEE — Tonie Grayson observed her 10th birthday Feb. 8 with a private skating party with several friends and family members present. Her mother is Leslie Beaver of Okmulgee. Maternal grandparents are Lee and Lucille Joshua of Okmulgee.

McIntoshes observe 48th anniversary

TULSA — Siah and Lillie Scott McIntosh after moving from Wichita, Kan. Mr. McIntosh celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary with a dinner at their home.

They were married Jan. 29, 1946 in Eufaula — soon after Mr. McIntosh was discharged from the army.

He is the son of the late Emma Gray and Jobe McIntosh. She is the daughter of the late Katie Jesse and Daniel M. Scott of the Artussee area.

The couple have made Tulsa their home for 28 years



Siah and Lillie McIntosh

is a retiree of McDonnell Douglas Aircraft. The children and their spouses are: Helena McIntosh and Russell Girod, Delores McIntosh and Buster Mazingo, and Lori and John Daniel McIntosh, all of Tulsa; Joan McIntosh and Allen Grider of Glenpool; and Phyllis McIntosh Sanders of Gilroy, Calif. There are thirteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



photo by Jim Wolfe

Wilma Dunn, third from left, shows Bristow Indian Community participants the beginning basics of beading as one of the tribe's adult education informal learning classes. Pictured from left to right are: Irene Chockley; Tina Blackburn; Dunn; and Daisy Harris.

Muscogee student achievement

Dawna Dutchy

TULSA — Dawna L. Dutchy graduated from Bryan Institute in February with training in medical assisting. She was capped Sept. 23 and pinned Jan. 27. She completed her internship at the Indian Health Care Resource Center.

She was a recipient of the Dean Vaughn Medical Terminology Award for scoring 100 percent on 300 medical terms. Her overall grade point average was 3.1.

Dutchy is the daughter of Dale and Terry Dutchy of Glenpool. Maternal grandparents are Anna B. and the late Rev. Charlie C. Fish of Wetumka. Paternal grandparents are Caroline Guterrez and Edgar Dutchy, both of Woodfords, Calif.

She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma majoring in anesthesiology.



Dutchy

Patsy Brown

SAPULPA — Patsy Brown has made the semester A and B honor roll at Oakridge Elementary. She is in the third grade.

Brown is the daughter of Patricia and Jerry Brown. Maternal grandparents are Jeff Davis and Loretta Freeman. Paternal grandparents are Edna



P. Brown

Brown and Jerry Squire.

Amy Barnett

HARTSHORNE — Amy Barnett has made the principal's honor roll for the semester at Jones Academy. She is in the first grade.

Her parents are Ramona Butler of Tulsa and the late Austin Barnett Jr. Maternal grandparents are Juanita Kelly and the late Roman Butler. Paternal grandparents are the late Austin and Mamie Barnett.



Barnett

Gina Fleener

OKMULGEE — Gina Fleener has made the A and B honor roll at Westside Elementary.

She is the daughter of Margie Chalakee of Okmulgee, and Steven Fleener of Tulsa. Maternal grandparents are the late Martha and Webster Chalakee. Paternal grandparents are Gene and Peggie Fleener of Tulsa.



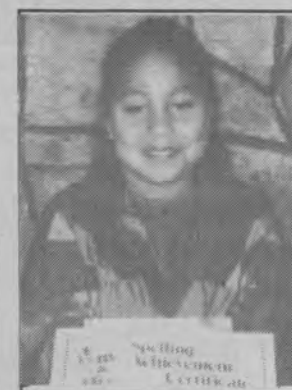
Fleener

Adriane Brown

LIBERTY MOUNDS — Adriane Brown completed a successful semester winning the Liberty Mounds Elementary School spelling bee.

She made the principal's honor roll last semester and has been named student of the month twice in the past two years.

Brown is the daughter of Franklin and Lydia Brown of Liberty Mounds. Maternal grandparents are Sam Proctor of Hanna and Pauline Starr of Nuyaka. Paternal grandparents are Felix and Florence Brown of Okmulgee.



A. Brown

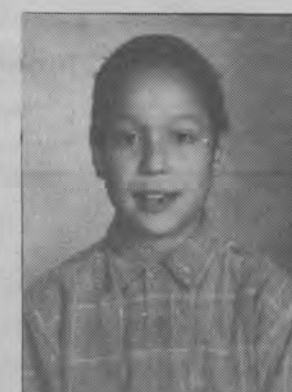
Raymond Bigpond

BRISTOW — Raymond Bigpond was named December student of the month at Washington Elementary School.

Bigpond was chosen by the school's teachers based on his grades, ability to work with peers, leadership, and behavior.

Bigpond participates in the school's gifted and talented program.

He is the son of Robert and Rose Marquez of Bristow. His grandparents are David and Joan Bigpond of Bristow.



Bigpond

Adult vocational training program report

Tonya Yocham

WETUMKA — Tonya Yocham was selected Wes Watkins Area Vo-Tech afternoon student of the month for November. Yocham of Holdenville, is an adult student enrolled in the practical nursing program.



Yocham

injury forced her to pursue another line of work.

She is active in the student Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, which provides members with the opportunity to enhance personal and leadership qualities.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Adult Vocational Training program provides eligible students with an educational allowance based on class attendance. For more information, call (918) 756-8700, or write AVT Program, Muscogee Nation, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.



Givens

Phyllis Noon Givens

WETUMKA — Phyllis Noon Givens is enrolled in the electronic technology program at Wes Watkins Area Vo-Tech.

Previously, she was trained as an automobile mechanic and automobile body repair. A back

American Indian teachers sought for masters of education program

OKLAHOMA CITY — A master's of education program targeted for American Indian teachers, emphasizing gifted and talented education, is being offered by the American Indian Research and Development, Inc. through Oklahoma City University. The program is in its third year of a three-year federally funded program of the U.S. Department of Education Educational Personnel Development Program.

Participants can earn a master's of education within a year of enrolling at OCU. Classes for the academic year 1993-94 will begin in August. Applications will be accepted until May 2.

Application information is available from: Stuart Tonemah, 2424 Springer Drive, Norman, OK 73069 or call (405) 364-0656, facsimile (405) 364-5464; and Laura Mitchell, OCU director of graduate admissions, 2501 N. Blackwelder, Oklahoma City, OK 73106 or call (405) 521-5351, facsimile (405) 521-5356.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation obituaries

ABRAHAM BUNNY

DUSTIN — Funeral services for Abraham Bunny were held Feb. 1 at Thewarle Baptist Church with Rev. Mitchell Taylor officiating. He was born April 6, 1919 to George and Sallie Hanson Bunny in Dustin. A Glenpool resident, he died Jan. 28 in Tulsa.

Bunny married Helen Harjo. He was a retired Muscogee Nation security guard, a veteran of the U.S. Army, and a member of Thewarle Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by: his wife; his parents; a brother, James Bunny; and a sister, Irene Odom Bunny.

He is survived by: a daughter, Betty Bunny of Okmulgee; a son, Dennis Bunny of Okmulgee; son-in-law, David Sloan of Okmulgee; grandsons, David and Simon Sloan of the home; a sister, Lorene Baker of Stillwater; three brothers, Newman "Doc" Bunny of Bristow, Clarence "Dick" Bunny of Glenpool, and George "Buddy" Bunny of Oklahoma City; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Gaines Bunny; Farron Bunny; David Sloan; Bobby Frye; Johnny Frye; and Johnny Frye Jr.

Interment was in the Fife Family Cemetery.

NEIL EDWARD CAMPBELL

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Funeral services for Neil Edward Campbell were held at Priest Lake Presbyterian Church in Nashville. Campbell was born Nov. 26, 1939. He died Jan. 16 at his Nashville home.

Campbell lived in Texas most of his life and graduated from the University of Corpus Christi. He was employed with American Airlines and most recently worked at the Nashville facility as a customer services supervisor.

Campbell is a descendant of Jeanetta McIntosh, a direct descendant of the late Waldo E. "Dode" McIntosh — the last federally-appointed chief of the Muscogee Nation.

Survivors include: wife, Kay Baldrige of the home; parents, William M. and LaHoma Campbell of Hurst, Texas; two daughters, Christi Vrazel of San Antonio, Texas, and Shari Ferpes of Brighton, Mich.; a brother, James Campbell of Victoria, Texas; a sister, Diana Taylor of Hurst, Texas; and six grandchildren.



Campbell

Campbell is the nephew of current McIntosh District representative Yahola Townsend.

At the request of family, friends, and co-workers, a memorial scholarship fund has been established by Muscogee Nation Principal Chief Bill Fife. The scholarship fund will assist needy Muscogee college students. Donations can be made to: Campbell Scholarship Fund, Attn. Principal Chief Bill Fife, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

DOLLIE KING FIFE

HENRYETTA — Funeral services for Dollie King Fife were held Jan. 24 at Shurden Chapel with Rev. Arlyn Clary officiating.

She was born Aug. 25, 1902 to James D. and Mary Frances Durbin King in Hughes County. Fife died Jan. 22 at Henryetta Medical Center.

She married Taylor Lowe Fife in 1924 at Weleetka. She was a homemaker and a long-time member of the Okfuskee County Home Demonstration Club. Fife was also a member of Thewarle Baptist Church and the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion Post in Dustin.

Preceding her in death were: her husband; her parents; and an infant daughter, Marilyn Fife.

Survivors include: four daughters, Helen Fife Jojola and Betty Jo Mouser, both of Eufaula, Geraldine Wolf of Sand Springs, and Loretta Fay Alwert of Enid; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Canuky Alwert; Chuch Choney; Pat Deacon; Bill Fife; Mike Still; and John Wolf.

Honorary pallbearers were: Jim Adams; Robert Alwert; Evelyn Brogdon; Brian Fife; Tim Fife; Dean Jojola; John Jojola; Bedixie King; Kalon King; J.C. Mouser; Jack Robinson; Ellen Willis; and Bob Wolf.

Interment was in Memorial Park Cemetery.

JOEY A. FIFE

HENRYETTA — Funeral services for Joey A. "Red" Fife were held Feb. 12 at Shurden Chapel with Rev. Eugene Whitlow officiating.

Fife was born Jan. 22, 1950 to Joe and Juanita West Fife. He died Feb. 9.

He was a forklift operator for Unit Rig in Tulsa for 22 years and was affiliated with the Baptist church. He was preceded in death by his father.

Survivors include: his mother of Dustin; brothers, Richard "Tuskee" Phillips of Tulsa and Jim Fife of Sapulpa; sisters, Frances Belcher of Checotah and Anna Jo Wefer of Sapulpa; and two nieces.

Pallbearers were: Rufus Whitlow; Jeff Byington; Brian Fife; Tim Fife; Richard Gambler; and Frank Belcher.

Honorary pallbearers were: Willard West; Bill Fife; Phillip Coon; and Bob Washington.

JEFF OTIS LEADER

HOLDENVILLE — Graveside services for Jeff Otis Leader were held Jan. 22 with Rev. Bill Miller officiating. He was born Feb. 22, 1916 to Dave and Nancy Tiger Leader in Ragtown and died Jan. 18 at Tulsa Regional Medical Center.

He attended Holdenville schools and played football at Holdenville High School. Leader married Mable Clark Nov. 6, 1937 in Mounds.

He was a member of the 45th Division during World War II and served with the Service Battery 171st Field Artillery. He was a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 539 in Henryetta. Leader also served on the Muscogee Nation Farm Authority Board.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; two sisters, Alice Leader and Lizzie Bruner; two brothers, Lenix and John Leader; and two great-granddaughters, Charity Kibby and Megan Leader.

Survivors include: his wife of the home; two daughters, Nancy Leader of the home, and Terry Kibby of Wetumka; a son, David Leader of Laytonville, Calif.; a son-in-law, Billy Kibby of Wetumka; a daughter-in-law, Marilyn Leader of Laytonville; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; nieces; and nephews.

Interment was in the Holdenville Cemetery.

KIZZIE W. MILLER

TWIN HILLS — Funeral services for Kizzie W. Miller were held Jan. 8 at Concharty United Methodist Church with Revs. Newman Frank and George Miller officiating.

Miller was born Dec. 18, 1908 to Thomas and Samara Barnett Wilson in Stone Bluff. She died Jan. 5 at Tulsa Regional Medical Center.

She was a lifelong resident of the area and an active member of Concharty United Methodist Church as well as the Northeast District Senior Methodists. Miller worked as a nurses' aide and retired from public health service at Talihina in 1973.

Survivors include: sons, Harold T. Miller of Haskell, and Jackie W. Miller of Oklahoma City; three grandchildren; numerous cousins; nephews; nieces; and many other family members and friends.

Pallbearers were: Benny Doyle Wilson; Quinton Neal; Woodrow Wilson; Jimmy Wilson; Jerrod Wilson; and Jeremiah Wilson Jr. Interment was in the Haskell Cemetery.

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KENNETH PALMER JR.

TULSA — A memorial service is pending for Kenneth Palmer Jr. Palmer was born Jan. 27, 1954 to Kenneth and Frances Palmer Sr. at Fort Crowder, Mo. He was killed Feb. 11 from gunshot wounds.

His grandparents were the late Billy and Bessie Palmer. Palmer was baptized at Webb City, Mo., Assembly of God Church.

He was employed with the Tulsa County court clerk's office.

A 1972 graduate and all-state baseball player of Edison High School, Palmer was a pitcher on the University of Oklahoma's 1975 Big Eight Conference Baseball Championship team. He was drafted by the Oakland Athletics major league baseball team in 1978.

He played four years in the minor leagues, including a stint with Leo Mazzone, now the pitching coach for the Atlanta Braves major league baseball team. An injury cut his career short.

He is the nephew of Muskogee District representative Helen Chupco.

Palmer was a former Creek Nation Tulsa Bingo employee.

He is survived by: his parents; sisters, Tracey Lee Palmer of Norman, and Haley Jo Palmer of the home.

A memorial service to be held at a later date will be announced by his parents.

ADA KING SHIELDS

MUSKOGEE — Funeral services for Ada King Shields were held Feb. 2 at Fosters' Ivory Chapel with Rev. Paul Samuels officiating.

She was born Dec. 19, 1908 to Johnson and Millie King. Shields died Jan. 28 at Tuscon (Ariz.) Medical Center.

She graduated from Haskell Indian School and moved to Montana where she began working for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. She was transferred to the Muskogee Area Office and worked for 47 years until her retirement in 1981.

Shields was a member of Fife Memorial United Methodist Church.

She is survived by: a son, Fred Shields of Tuscon; a daughter-in-law, Rita Shields of Tuscon; three sisters, Lydia Nelson of Eufaula, Lizzie Lewis of Checotah, and Effie Homeratha of Oklahoma City; two granddaughters; and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Edwin Moors; Tom Donahoe; Woody Wilson; Curtis Wilson; Rex Harner; and Joe Parker.

Interment was in the Memorial Park Cemetery.

LEATHA THOMAS

ODESSA, Texas — Funeral services for Leatha Thomas were held Jan. 24 at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel.

She was born in 1910 in Okfuskee County. She was a descendant of John Self and was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include: three sons, Robert Edker Thomas Jr. of Claremore, Emmet Eugene Thomas of Amarillo, Texas, and Kenneth David Thomas of Tulsa; three daughters, Doris K. Trantham and Mildred Morris, both of Odessa, and Evelyn Adams of Coleman, Texas; 19 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Interment was in the Henryetta Cemetery.

WALTER TULSA

RYAL — Funeral services for Walter Tulsa were held Jan. 28 at Ryal Community Baptist Church with Revs. Bunny Soweka and Eugene Harjo officiating.

He was born Nov. 24, 1928 to Dave and Sallie King Tulsa. He died Jan. 24 at Henryetta Medical Center.

Tulsa was veteran of the U.S. Army and member of the Ryal Community Baptist Church. He was a laborer.

He married his wife, Alice, June 1, 1954 in Okmulgee.

Tulsa was preceded in death by: his parents; and a brother, Kenneth Tulsa.

Survivors include: his wife of the home; four sons, Lewis Tulsa and George Hill, both of Henryetta, Harry Tulsa of the home, and John Tulsa of Glenpool; two sisters, Nora Factor of Henryetta, and Katie Tulsa of Tulsa; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were his nephews. Interment was in the Soweka Family Cemetery.

VIVIAN WASSOM

HARRISBURG, Mo. — Graveside services for Vivian Wassom were held Nov. 27. She was born Oct. 9, 1919 at Richardville. Wassom died Nov. 23.

She married Howard Wassom in 1962. She was a custodian for Junction City Schools.

Survivors include: a daughter, Barbara Ann of San Diego, Calif.; a brother, Sam Berryhill of Central Point, Mo.; a sister, Grace Wray of Texas; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Interment was in the Rest Lawn Memorial Park.

SALLIE WATSON

HENRYETTA — Funeral services for Sallie

Watson were held Feb. 18 at the Simons-Merritt Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bryant Jesse officiating.

Watson was born Nov. 22, 1922 to Amosee and Nellie West Riley in Weleetka. She died Feb. 17 at her home.

Watson was active in the senior citizens and was a member of Thewarle Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, John Watson; her parents; and a brother.

Survivors include: a daughter, Joyce Vivier of Ada; a sister, Alice Harjo of Seminole; a son-in-law, David Vivier of Ada; nephews, David Harjo of Tecumseh, and Jerry Walker of Weatherford; four nieces, Wisely Harjo, Annette Harjo, Rebecca Coyote, and Geraldine Evans; and two grandsons; and six great-grandchildren.

Interment was in the Hutchechuppa Cemetery.

LOUISA WHITLOW

DUSTIN — Funeral services for Louisa Whitlow were held Jan. 26 at Faith Baptist Church with Rev. Richard Carr officiating.

She was born March 18, 1927 to Edward and Minnie Harjo Whitlow. She died Jan. 23 in Weleetka.

Whitlow was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Watie Wildcat; her parents; and two brothers.

Survivors include: a daughter, Neomi Lindsey of Dewar; a son, Robert Wildcat of Tulsa; five brothers, Eugene Whitlow of Weleetka, Johnny Whitlow of Tulsa, William Whitlow of Chicago, Ill., Wisey Cox of Quinton, and David Whitlow of Glenpool; four sisters, Maggie Coonhead of Tulsa, Sally Holuby of Dustin, Aline Wattie of California, and Dorothy Osceola of Glenpool; 15 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Andrew Caywood; Robert Meadows; Danny Lindsey; Buddy Lindsey; Willie Proctor; and Gilbert McCully. Interment was in the Whitlow Family Cemetery.

Gratitude

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece. If so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever the part.

Joey "Red" Fife Families

Muscogee churches activities report

Concharty United Methodist

TWIN HILLS — Concharty United Methodist Church is holding an all-you-can-eat wild onion dinner from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., March 26. The dinner costs \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 and under.

The church is located four miles north of state highway 16 on Bixby Road and one mile east.

High Spring Baptist

OKEMAH — High Spring Baptist Church is holding revival March 23 through 27 with Rev. George Doyle, Snake Creek Baptist Church, as guest evangelist.

Services begin at 7 nightly. High Spring pastor is Rev. Felix Tiger.

Bemo Baptist

BIXBY — Bemo Baptist Church's Easter program begins at 11 a.m., April 3. There will be an Easter egg hunt after the service with prizes for senior citizens.

The church will observe communion April 10. The church is located three-quarters of a mile west of 131st Street and Memorial, then south.

Kaney Chapel United Methodist

BOWLEGS — Kaney Chapel United Methodist Church is holding a wild onion dinner from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 12 at the church. Adults eat for \$5. Children eat for \$2.50.

The church is located six and one-half miles west of Wewoka on state highway 59 or three and one-half miles east of Bowlegs

on state highway 59.

Little Cussetah Methodist

WILSON — Little Cussetah United Methodist Church will have a revival March 30 through April 2. Services begin nightly at 7. Special singing will also be featured. Refreshments will be served.

To get to the church from Henryetta, take U.S. Highway 75 north to the Wilson Road. Turn west at second intersection and four-way stop. Drive north three-quarters of a mile to the church.

Holdenville Full Gospel

HOLDENVILLE — An all-you-can-eat wild onion dinner to benefit the local full gospel church will be held March 26 at Holdenville Indian Community Center, 416 E. Poplar. The cost is \$5 per person.

Salt Creek United Methodist

WETUMKA — Salt Creek United Methodist Church will hold its annual wild onion dinner from noon to 6 p.m., March 5 at the church. The all-you-can-eat dinner is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. There will also be a quilt and a crafts sale.

The church is located eight miles north on state highway 48 and two miles east of Holdenville or seven miles west of state highway 9 and two miles south of Wetumka.

MSW Associational March calendar

YARDEKA — The following dates are for the Muscogee-Seminole-Wichita Indian Baptist Association:

- March 6 through 13 — week of prayer for home missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter offering;

- March 7 — youth directors' meeting, 7 p.m. Belvin Baptist Church, Okmulgee;

- March 12 — Brotherhood workday, 9 a.m. MSW Assembly Ground, Yardeka; and

- March 25 and 26 — MSW pastor and deacon retreat, MSW Assembly Ground, Yardeka.

Northeast District Methodist youth

COWETA — The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference Northeast youth and the United Methodist Women are sponsoring a walk-a-thon March 29 beginning at 10 a.m.

The walk will begin at the Coweta Park and will end at Broken Arrow Indian United Methodist Church. The walk is approximately six and one-half miles.

Money raised will be used for the beautification project at the Northeast District Center Campground at Preston. The Muscogee Nation lighthouse will escort the walkers. First aid and relief stations will be set up every mile along the way.

Prizes will be awarded in various categories. Local churches are asked to bring a covered dish item for the noon meal at Broken Arrow UMC.

In the event of bad weather, May 7 is the alternate date for the walk-a-thon. For more information, contact Janet Byington at: (918) 251-9634; or David Wilson at: (918) 456-5395 or 458-0389.

Indian Falls Creek announces pastors, changes

SEMINOLE — Plans for the 1994 Indian Falls Creek, June 20 through 25 at the Falls Creek Baptist Assembly, are being finalized.

Indian Falls Creek is the largest assembly of Indian Baptist Youth in America.

Camp pastor this year is Jesse Hernandez. Max Malone, a catalytic missionary in western Oklahoma, will also be featured.

The camp's theme this year is "Here's hope. Share Jesus."

Some of the changes for this year's assembly as announced by Bill Barnett, executive director of Indian Falls Creek:

- Bible study will be at 8:15 a.m.;

- a general assembly supporting the camp theme will be at 9:30 a.m.;

- the morning worship will also emphasize the camp theme at 11 a.m.; and

- registration is \$7 per camper.

Barnett said the goal for attendance is 3,500.

"People wanting to rent lodges should contact the Falls Creek office," Barnett said. "Those wanting to rent cabins should contact Agnes Welton at (405) 942-3800.

"The earlier the better, because the cabins go fast."

Church addresses, locations, and contact persons wanted

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee Nation Communications Department is attempting to update its mailing addresses for all active Muscogee churches. The department's mailing address list is also used by other departments to distribute information about programs, services, or special events.

Contact the communications department at (918) 756-8700 to update church mailing addresses. Also, when reporting a church event or announcement, it would be helpful to receive directions to the church with the information.

Fife leads opposition, BIA won't consolidate

WASHINGTON D.C. — The Bureau of Indian Affairs has abandoned its plan to consolidate its Oklahoma area offices.

According to a Feb. 23 letter from assistant Interior secretary Ada Deer to U.S. Representative Mike Synar, the "Department of the Interior has stopped action on the consolidation of the Anadarko and Muskogee area offices contained in the Fiscal Year 1995 budget."

Synar, Oklahoma's Democratic Congressman from the 2nd District, along with U.S. Senator David Boren (D-Seminole), led Oklahoma's congressional delegation that was opposed to the move.

Muscogee Nation Principal Chief Bill Fife was also an outspoken critic of the move to consolidate the offices.

Fife said the proposed consolidation was hasty and would have an adverse impact on Oklahoma Indians.

Fife also warned that consolidation would spread to other areas of the BIA and other In-

dian programs' budgets.

"If the Oklahoma cuts and consolidation would have taken place, the BIA efforts would have eventually spread to all areas and all agencies resulting in less dollars for Indian unemployment," Fife said.

"Reorganization of the BIA is needed," Fife said. "However, tribal governments and Indian people must be included in the decision making process to insure the BIA will be able to meet its fiduciary duties and trust responsibilities to tribal governments and Indian people."

Synar said he worked behind the scenes while dealing with Deer.

"I am pleased that Oklahoma will not be unfairly picked out for consolidation," Synar said. "After learning that Oklahoma was chosen randomly for cuts, I worked with the White House and the Department of Interior to make sure that the state with the largest Indian population will still have service in both Muskogee and Anadarko."

members of all Oklahoma Indian tribes.

Applicants must demonstrate activity in tribal-school programs and submit a 500-word essay describing their lifetime goals and how studying the life sciences would help fulfill their plans.

Application forms are available from the NABS at: 307 LSE, Oklahoma State University, OK 74078, or call (405) 744-6802. Deadline for application is April 15.

Indian graduate aid available

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The American Indian Graduate Center is accepting application requests from American Indian and Alaska Native graduate students who will be pursuing masters and doctorates as full-time graduate students in the 1994-95 academic year.

To be eligible, an applicant must:

— be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe or be at least one-quarter degree Indian;

— be attending and accredited college or university in the U.S.; and

— be a full-time graduate student admitted into their first masters or first doctorate program as a full-time graduate student in any field of graduate study.

Application deadline is April 30. Applicants should have applied for campus-based aid for the 1994-95 academic year at their college financial aid office.

Eligible applicants can request an application packet by contacting: AIGC, 4520 Montgomery Blvd. N.E. Suite 1-B, Albuquerque, N.M. 87109, or call (505) 881-4584.

Chief's annual progress report to the people

Principal Chief Bill Fife says the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is experiencing new growth and development — and that is generating a new attitude about tribal government.

"Slowly, we are turning to the tide of skepticism, stagnation, and negativism to one of excitement, interest, and motivation," Fife said. "Currently, we are experiencing renewed growth and development. Things look better for us than ever before."

Statistically, Fife noted:

- that the number of employees has steadily increased with this administration. There are now 859 employees; a little more than one-half work at the tribal capitol complex in Okmulgee. The remainder work at the hospitals, clinics, and bingo halls;

- through policies of this administration, the tribe has been able to increase, by more than one percent, the employees who are Creek;

- tenure for tribal employees has increased by two-tenths of a year, from 4.2 to 4.4 years of service;

- through long-term planning we've been able to create more equitable salaries for the different employee classifications. Overall salaries were reduced, not by cutting, but through attrition. Salaries have been reduced the equivalent of \$240 per employee. Dollars saved in salaries equates to more dollars for direct services to citizens most in need; and

- when the educational qualifications of employees were compared, it was found that 13.2 percent held a college bachelor's degree or higher, whereas in 1992, only 11 percent had a degree. Additionally, 134 employees participated in the tribal career development program by taking courses for college credit. Developed in 1993, the program is designed to upgrade employee skills and to motivate employees to continue their education. This effort represents a significant progress for this administration's mission of promoting education as a priority for its citizens.

Fife also said his administration's accountability is "positively impacting the number of clients we serve."

"Our programs are now serving more people than in previous years," Fife said.

The following programs and the number of clients served are listed:

- social service assistance for 4,426 clients. This includes assistance for: funerals; emergency hardships; school clothing; general assistance; burial; low income; home energy; and employment;

- children and family services assisted 10,185 clients;

- Johnson O'Malley worked with 43 schools assisting more than 9,000 Indian students. Eufaula Dormitory housed 112 students. Higher education awarded grants to 721 students. Adult education assisted 131 students — with 24 general equivalency diploma's being completed;

- the Job Training Partnership Act and adult

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Education briefs

Coweta High School graduates

COWETA — The following are the Johnson O'Malley program seniors from Coweta High School: Jason Bates; Chad Burchett; Chris Hayes; Julie Henson; Jerel Long; Lafaron Payne; Tracy Rathbone; Lisa Replogle; Olen Robins; Dana Scott; Shannon Spiegel; Thomsa Stewart; Alisa Harper; Elisa Noble; Bryce Roberts; Sarah Sarty; and Emily Tacket.

Colburn does practicum for Bureau

OKMULGEE — Belinda Colburn, an Oklahoma State University—Okmulgee student, is continuing her education to become an automated office assistant. Colburn has been doing her practicum at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Okmulgee Agency. She is required to complete 12 credit hours a week of practicum to receive her total credits toward her associate's degree in applied science.

"The bureau is glad to be a part of Belinda's training that is going to enhance and assist her to promote her skills for today's competitive market," said a BIA spokesman.

OSU scholarships available

STILLWATER — The Native Americans in Biological Sciences program at Oklahoma State University announced the availability of five scholarships for study in the life sciences or pre-professional programs at OSU for the 1994-95 academic year.

The grants are \$1,500 per semester.

Applications will be considered from enrolled

Chief says health care system expanding and improving

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ing its capacity from five to 10 chairs, with an emphasis on a children's unit; increasing the Sapulpa and Eufaula dental clinics by one chair each. With the emphasis on a children's clinic in Okmulgee, there is greater adult access in each of these clinics; and finally, implementing a four-chair dental unit in Okemah;

Fife said it was the government's responsibility to provide educational opportunities for its citizens.

"I am proposing a Creek Nation health conference on diabetes," Fife said. "This is the most ravaging and devastating disease which faces this nation. The outcomes from this nation's conference can be taken into the community network as an educational tool to begin the educating of ourselves, our children, and the generations coming. We must take

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cedures limit a representative's mileage claim to \$250 monthly;

- a special session was called March 1, after *The Muscogee Nation News* went to press; and
- Bruner said special sessions cost approximately \$544 in mileage stipends.

The March planning session is March 22, and the next regular session is March 26.

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ing manager;

- volleyball tournament — Sharon Hicks, Okfuskee Indian Community;
- senior citizens activities — Pearl Thomas, elderly nutrition manager;
- softball — Charlie LaSarge, food distribution program manager;
- tennis — Bruce Harjo, Henryetta;
- golf — Jim Burgess, tribal court;
- olympics — Henry Harjo, environmental services manager;
- archery — Mike Berryhill, Henryetta;
- gospel singing — Berryhill's Quartet;
- Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation pageant — Rita Williams, elderly nutrition program;
- rodeo — Sonny O'Hern, gaming board;
- five kilometer run — Roger Barnett, employment and training;
- arts and crafts — Thomas; and
- health fair — Kim Hicks, health administration.

A festival pow wow is tentative at this point, said Crow. Other subcommittees are: advertising; communications; finance; fundraising; and security.

action before the entire nation succumbs to this tragedy."

Fife said health care resources — money, human resources, and physical facilities — are limited.

"We must protect our fragile resources in the health care reform debate by insisting that Indian resources are not for funding the Indian portion of the national health reform," Fife said. "This message must be loud and clear. We must push for equity in health care."

Regarding facilities, Fife said, "It is of great importance that we recognize the Sapulpa health clinic which has achieved a rural health center designation, exemplifying rural health standards of care."

Fife said he will have the Creek Nation health care plan in place and will outline his

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vocational training programs provided employment and training to 777 students and tribal summer youth programs had 278 students participating;

- the consumer loan program assisted 319 clients;
- the real estate program made 156 appraisals;
- the commodity food distribution has 2,955 clients;
- the Creek Nation Community Hospital had 375 inpatients and served 10,060 through emergency room services;
- elderly nutrition served 33,881 meals;
- in 1993, 1,455 citizens enrolled making a total of 37,091 Creek citizens, and 2,607 new voters registered to total 12,457 voters;
- *The Muscogee Nation News* has a monthly circulation of 8,140 citizens;
- the tribal court has 184 active juvenile cases. The attorney general handled 478 cases, closing 175 of them;
- tobacco tax revenue is \$1.1 million; and
- bingo revenues exceed \$4.8 million dollars.

"Obviously, we are making excellent progress in this administration," Fife said.

Fife recalled that the tribal government tested an inter-tribal business venture with the Mississippi Choctaws.

"The technology transfer contract with Choctaw-Creek Technologies that was awarded proved that with sound planning we could be competitive nationally," Fife said. "Even though the U.S. Congress did not fund the remainder of the super conducting super collider project, we were recognized for quality work on the technology transfer contract."

administration's approach to provide effective access and delivery of health care.

"In the area of health policy and administration, we participated in the national administration's formulation for health care reform and provided input into the proposed national plan," Fife said. "This process is continuous and we are providing leadership in this area."

"We have made progress in the past year. We cannot settle for status quo. We can't be content to simply maintain our position. We must seek improved solutions and new reforms to the old problems in health employment, education, housing, and social welfare to improve services to Muscogee (Creek) citizens."

With the success of the joint venture, the Muscogee Nation has gained confidence for other ventures. Negotiations are near completion for a manufacturing contract that will create jobs for skilled workers. Fife said he would give details as the plans are finalized.

The tribe was awarded grants from the Administration for Native Americans and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to train employees and for start-up of the manufacturing enterprise. The administration also submitted a compact proposal to Oklahoma Governor David Walters for Class III gaming. Compact approval will mean additional revenues and more jobs for the tribe, Fife said.

Fife said the tribal government is more efficient now than ever before.

"Because we have emphasized employee self development, employee tenure and education, improved management and technology, clients of the Creek Nation now receive more efficient services," Fife said. "We have drafted written policies and procedures for procurement and property control, personnel, fiscal management, staff development, wage and salary, records keeping and job descriptions to guide staff in managing

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tribal government.

Viewing the issue of gaming from the perspective of our relationship with the state of Oklahoma, I would hope that we could work together to reach an agreement on gaming ventures whereby both would benefit, while at the same time, maintaining our own tribal sovereignty.



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Muscogee Nation, Zebco begin assembly work

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Zebco Corporation have begun work in a small manufacturing assembly plant in the Okmulgee area, said Principal Chief Bill Fife.

"We are excited about this project that will immediately employ eight people, up to 25 people within a few months, and possibly 50 people within three years," Fife said.

The start-up services include the assembly of some of Zebco's reels. Possible expansion will include building rods and providing packaging services.

"Zebco is a first-class company that truly believes in producing American-made products and keeping jobs here in America," said Jerry Wilson, tribal executive director. "We're delighted that the first Americans are going to work producing American-made products for an all-American firm.

"Obviously, Zebco is the largest manufacturer of rods and reels in America and their products are in retail outlets all over America."

The project was initiated last summer when the



photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Darrell Tarpalechee assembles a reel at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Manufacturing Enterprises assembly plant. The work is an economic development project between the tribe and Zebco Corporation.

tribe and Zebco officials discussed the possibility of an alliance to provide high efficiency assembly services.

"This project is also a part of the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) grant program

awarded to the tribe for the initial training and production phases of developing manufacturing capabilities in cooperation with Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee," Wilson said.

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Tribe wins \$500,000 grant for community and health services building

OKMULGEE — Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief Bill Fife announced the tribe has been awarded a \$500,000 Indian development block grant to build a community and health services administration building at the tribal complex.

"I want to thank the National Council for supporting our grant proposal with \$150,000 in matching funds," Fife said. "I also want to recognize our comprehensive planning department — especially James King — for packaging the successful proposal."

It is projected that the building will house health administration, social services, and children and family services offices. The building is expected to be between 10,000 and 15,000 square feet. It

potentially could be designed for individual and group counseling as well as processes to facilitate and expedite client services.

Tribal executive director Jerry Wilson said, "This building will initiate phase two of the center section of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Capitol Complex master site plan."

Wilson said a building design committee will be formed to interact with the architects to develop and build something conducive to a service environment.

"With emerging new technology, the building could be designed to provide outreach services or client walk-in services to Muscogee citizens," Wilson said.

"This building will house current staff as well

as provide room to take advantage of growth opportunities. Tribal service programs will be designed to build a service population with a self-reliance attitude.

"Contemporary time frames have generated an array of social and economic problems as well as the traditional problems with tribal government. Obviously, this new building will go a long way in addressing these problems."

Wilson said the building will complement the soon-to-be constructed tribal human development center with its design and function. Education programs can complement social services by offering individuals the opportunity to upgrade their employment skills, making people more self-reliant.

Intent to circulate removal petition for Principal Chief filed

OKMULGEE — A notice of intent to circulate a removal petition for Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief Bill Fife has been filed with the tribal election board.

The notice was filed March 28 by tribal citizen Eugenia Kelley of Okmulgee.

In her notice of intent, Kelley alleges the Chief:

- committed treason when he issued his executive order that established a new wage and salary scale for tribal employees (related story on page 3) without consent of the National Council;
- violated the tribal Constitution and NCA 93-174 (adopting the fiscal year 1994 comprehensive budget) with the same executive order;
- demonstrated incompetence;
- has mismanaged his office with regard to funding, the awarding of the Muskogee bingo hall construction contract to the Creek Nation Development and Construction Company, the appointment of Ed Mouss as tribal health care director, and established priorities contrary to the delivery of services to citizens; and
- violated NCA 89-75 (removal of tribal

Notice of intent to file removal petitions have also been made against Second Chief Shelly Crow and attorney general Leah Ware. See story on page 3.

officials) by donating money to five police departments including Glenpool, where Tulsa District representative Larry Bible is the police chief.

The notice to circulate a removal petition is the second for Fife. In July, James Morgan of Schuller filed a notice of intent to circulate a petition. That petition failed however, because of a lack of signatures.

Fife said the notice of intent to circulate a removal petition against him is politically motivated and contains allegations that are baseless. Fife also noted that some of the allegations made in the current petition notice are similar to the previous ones.

"Although it is unfortunate that this type of notice can be filed without any basis, every individual has the right to do so," Fife said.

Fife said his administration has made significant progress during the last two years and he intends to maintain that course.

As an example of progress, he cited the number of grant award announcements made in the past few weeks, including a \$500,000 grant to build a community services building, a \$1.3 million grant to provide day care services for working mothers, a \$50,000 grant to study potential projects at the Mackey Sand Bar Site in Tulsa, and the opening of a tribally-owned manufacturing plant that is employing 15 people (see related story on page 1).

"Filing a petition is her way of doing things, my approach is to work for the benefit of all

Muscogee people," Fife said.

Kelley said she drafted the notice at the urging of several citizens.

"I have been asked by several citizens to pursue this," Kelley said. "I believe justice will be served. This [method] is the democratic way and we are going to go through the process."

Tribal ordinance NCA 89-75 allows 60 days from the notice of intent filing to collect the signatures of 20 percent of registered tribal voters (2,487). The signatures and the petition must be submitted to the National Council recording secretary.

The secretary will then file a request to validate a removal petition with the tribal district court. The presiding judge will set a hearing date. The National Council, the election board, and the petitioners can either validate the signatures or dismiss the causes for removal.

The allegations must be legible and specific with regard to the violations of tribal statutes or codes.

The judge will then determine if the causes for removal are legible and meet the criteria for removal according to NCA 89-75. If ruled valid, the petition will be submitted to the Council. The Council will consider the causes for removal as stated on the petitions.

It will take a three-fourths vote (27 members) of the Council for removal.

The petitioners have until May 26 to collect the required signatures.

Tribal district court records

The following were adjudicated in District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee, with District Court Judge Pat Moore presiding.

Feb. 28 — **Muscogee (Creek) Nation vs. Ned Hodge, embezzlement.**

Hodge was found guilty of embezzlement of \$3,000 from Okmulgee Indian Community. He was fined \$500 and sentenced to 25 days community service.

March 2 — **Muscogee (Creek) Nation vs. Denny Cleveland, disorderly conduct, disobedience of lawful order, resisting lawful arrest, and violence to a policeman (one count each).**

Cleveland pleaded no contest to all four counts and was sentenced to six months in the Okmulgee County jail (suspended), fined \$250 for disobedience, sentenced to 10 days in jail for resisting arrest, and sentenced to 10 days community service for violence to a policeman.

March 2 — **Muscogee (Creek) Nation vs. Milford Cleveland, disorderly conduct, disobedience of lawful order, resisting arrest, and violence to a policeman (one count each).**

Under plea arrangement for all charges, Cleveland was fined a total of \$500 and 150 days community service.

Letters to the editor

Councilman wants mileage claims printed Editor:

My constituents have shown great interest in the mileage claims of their National Council representatives. This is a request asking you to print the claims in *The Muscogee Nation News*. If you need more information, you may contact Mike Factor. Thank you for your help.

Charlie Litsey, Okmulgee

Editor's note: Executive Order 93-07 establishes the policy for information requests concerning expenditures of tribal funds. Section 2.01 of that policy requires all requests for tribal funds information be made to the controller in writing with a definite time, specific identification, etc. Information will be issued only after a determination has been made regarding the validity of the request.

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Intent to circulate removal petitions filed by citizen

Removal sought for Second Chief and attorney general

OKMULGEE — Notices of intent to circulate removal petitions for Muscogee (Creek) Nation Second Chief Shelly Crow and tribal attorney general Leah Harjo Ware have been filed with the election board.

The notices were filed by tribal citizen Eugenia Kelley of Okmulgee, March 28.

In her notice of intent, Kelley contends Crow has violated NCA 89-75 (establishing the procedures and causes for removal of tribal officers) through the following:

- conflict of interest by using official duties resulting in personal gain. The notice cited Crow's appointment to the health care reform task force and her application for the director's position with the Oklahoma State Department of Health and Human Services;
- incompetence. The notice refers to a letter reportedly written by Crow containing a reference to the second chief's emotional stress due to allegations. Kelley claims this has compromised Crow's ability to perform;
- gross abuse of power. It is claimed that Crow sold tickets for an Okmulgee County Democrats' speaking engagement from her office with the assistance of a tribal employee and has attempted to prevent employees from speaking to their representatives;
- demonstrated wasteful actions or behavior in the performance of assigned duties;
- travelled with the Principal Chief for extended periods which prevented her from complying with an executive order requiring her to act on behalf of the Chief when away from his office; and
- has failed to "establish the well-being of tribal citizens."

The notice regarding attorney general Leah Harjo Ware alleges:

- Ware is incompetent, working only three days a week and has an imbalanced case load relative to other attorneys in the attorney general's office;
- Ware has demonstrated publicly her bias for the administration. Kelley contends the attorney general acted biased when Ware warned the National Council about the possibility of a lawsuit if the tribal legislature conducted business not listed on the March 18 special session agenda;
- Ware has mismanaged the office. Kelley claims the attorney general's request for supple-



photo by Gerald Wofford

Ceremonial ground leader Spencer Frank addresses the audience at the second tribal leaders summit held March 19 in Okmulgee. This is the second year for Principal Chief Bill Fife to meet with ceremonial ground leaders to discuss tribal issues.

National Council report

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) National Council approved a bill with language that seeks to rescind an executive order at its March regular session at the tribal capitol complex.

The tribal legislature had earlier approved the ordinance rescinding an executive order of Principal Chief Bill Fife at a March 18 special session. Earlier, Fife implemented a wage and salary scale for administration employees by executive order. Forty-four tribal employees were affected, with 36 receiving pay cuts. The others are expected to receive pay increases.

The wage and salary scale was developed by a three-member committee with input from McIntosh District Representative Tommy Newton, said Jerry Wilson, the tribe's executive director.

"There's no way you can expect change to not draw controversy," Wilson said. "But, what we're working with now is a plan in which salary rates are equal to or better than what is prevailing in industry and government."

The bill, NCA 94-13, itself became a source of controversy.

Passed at a March 18 special session, confusion about the procedures of the bill's passage, prompted National Council Speaker Steve Bruner to retrieve the bill from the Chief and return it to the Council.

Bruner said questions about whether the bill had been approved in the proper Council forum was the basis for the action.

The Council then placed the bill on its March 26 agenda. It was approved 26-7. Voting for the bill were:

Creek District — **Duke Harjo, Phyllis**

Warrington; Hughes-Seminole District — **Thomas Yahola**; McIntosh District — **Wilbur Gouge, Sandy McIntosh, Yahola Townsend**; Muskogee District — **Helen Chupco, Charlie Coker, Frances Pease**; Okfuskee District — **Mae Jackson, Clyde Johnson, Wynema Roberts**; Okmulgee District — **A.D. Ellis, Anderson Hale, Jim Harjo, Dave Lewis, Charlie Litsey, Peggy Lyda, David Nichols**; Tulsa District — **Perry Beaver, Larry Bible, Irene Cleghorn, Jesse Kelley, Edwin Moore**; and Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes District — **Richard Berryhill, Barbara Gillespie**.

Those opposed to the bill were:

Creek District — **Earl Wheeler**; Hughes-Seminole District — **Darrell Coachman, Tim Fife, Dwayne Lowe**; McIntosh District — **Thomas McIntosh**; Okfuskee District — **Bruce Smith**; and Tulsa District — **Earl King**.

Bruner conducted the meeting and did not vote.

Absent from the meeting were: **Leah Jack**, Creek District; and **Tommy Newton**, McIntosh District.

The bill will go to the Chief's office where he is expected to veto the measure.

In other business, the Council:

— confirmed unanimously (33-0) Bryant Jesse of Weleetka, to the tribal citizenship board;

— approved unanimously (33-0) a resolution that supports tribes to have access to surplus federal property;

— approved (27-6) an appropriation of \$132,000 to replace the roof of the Muskogee bingo hall. Those opposed to the bill were: **Jack-**

Program news briefs

Executive director named minority business advocate of the year

OKLAHOMA CITY — Muscogee (Creek) Nation executive director Jerry Wilson has been selected Oklahoma minority business advocate of the year by the U.S. Small Business Administration. Wilson was awarded for his support of small business and his contribution to the economy of the state. Additionally, Wilson was recognized for his volunteer work with businesses and his role as an advisor to minorities on business operations.

Wilson is a former business and management consultant to tribes and other minorities. He joined the Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee faculty in 1986 and was director of the small business occupations program before assuming his current position. Wilson is also a former Tulsa District Representative to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council.

He will be recognized at the state capitol at a press conference April 5. He will be the guest at a May 11 ceremony to be attended by Oklahoma Governor David Walters.

Wilson won the Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce award for small business advocacy last year. His nomination was then forwarded to the state.

Social services receives additional grant funding for energy assistance

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Social Services Program has been notified of increased funding for the low income home energy assistance program (LIHEAP).

"We are pleased the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has granted additional funds to the low income home energy assistance program to assist families with their cooling utility bills," said Judy Haumpy, social services manager.

The additional grant funds are \$48,881 making the total grant worth \$101,785 for the tribe this fiscal year. For more information about program guidelines, contact social services at (918) 756-8700.

Food distribution program changes Wilson Indian Community delivery

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation food distribution program is now delivering to the Wilson Indian Community Center from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on the second Wednesday of the month.

The food distribution program provides donated foods from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to eligible Indian households. The program has eligibility criteria. For more information, contact the food distribution program at (918) 756-2017, 3647, or 3002.



These students competed for Okmulgee Head Start Sweethearts by collecting the most penny votes in their respective classes. Pictured, left to right are: Grant Harjo; Bryan Drennon; Cody King; Lindsey Gee; and Ashely Pigeon. (Not pictured is Chenena Phillips.)

Children and family services receives \$1.3 million for child care program

OKMULGEE — Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief Bill Fife announced that the tribe has been awarded a \$1.3 million federal grant for its child care assistance program.

"I am very pleased that the tribe has received these federal dollars," Fife said. "Our child care assistance program is one that helps parents with employment, provides quality care for our children, and of course, benefits the entire community."

The tribe's child care program objective is to increase the affordability, availability, and quality of child care for Muscogee (Creek) citizens. The funds, awarded from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides financial assistance to parents who may be working or attending an educational program and need affordable child care.

Developed by the tribe's children and family services administration, the program also provides before and after school care services as well as an early childhood development program. Parents seeking employment may also be eligible for assistance.

"The availability of quality child care has been a national issue," said Jerry Wilson, tribal executive director. "Our program is a model program that provides a tremendous service to parents who cannot afford quality child care, but need to work or complete their education. It also complements other tribal programs as well."

"Manager Scott Johnson and program coordinator Janet Wise should be recognized for their outstanding work in developing this program."

Wilson noted that the tribal child care program has brought more than \$3.7 million to the area since 1991.

"These are federal dollars that are being returned to the area for one of the most worthwhile programs we offer," Wilson said. "These funds also help parents to maintain their jobs or continue developing their skills to become more marketable employees. That benefits everyone."

For more information about the program, contact children and family services at 1-800-521-5432.

Tribe wins grant to develop public transit system

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee Transit Authority is being developed with funding from a \$300,000 federal grant.

The authority, under the direction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Division of Tribal Affairs, will operate three accessible mini-buses and two maxi-vans to meet the needs of elderly citizens.

The transit authority, proposed and developed by Dr. Pete Coser of the comprehensive planning department, is designed to provide transportation for the elderly to assist them in meeting their basic needs.

The transit system is expected to headquarter in Okmulgee, with established routes to tribal health facilities, nutrition centers, shopping centers, and other locations.

Principal Chief seeks participation at joint task force meeting

OKMULGEE — The joint tribal, Bureau of Indian Affairs and U.S. Department of the Interior, advisory task force regarding the BIA reorganization will meet May 24 through 26 at the Century Sheraton Hotel Downtown in Oklahoma City, said Principal Chief Bill Fife, a member of the task force.

The three task force work groups will meet in the same location May 20 through 23. These groups include, the implementation work group, the budget reform work group, and the BIA manual-code of federal regulations-U.S. codes group.

"This is a very important meeting for tribal governments and the Indian people of Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, and Louisiana," Fife said. "It will give the people an opportunity to see the task force and it will allow time for public comments for those wanting to address the task force."

"This will be the last opportunity for many from this region to have input into the final recommendations that this task force will present to Congress."

The task force will disband in December. Work on the final task force report is set to begin prior to the Oklahoma City meetings.

During his tenure on the task force, Fife has maintained that there is not enough input or consideration from tribes.

The following report is an excerpt from the February task force meeting.

The meeting emphasized bringing the task force, the National Performance Review, and the budget deficit reduction initiatives together.

It was the issue of tribal consultation in relation to the National Performance Review recommendations and the President's budget request that has developed into the major issue.

The NPR is designed to find areas where budget reductions can be made in federal departments and operations.

It is the task force position, that the NPR recommendations did not consider basic tenets of Indian law — trust responsibility, self-governance, self-determination, hiring preferences, and the government-to-government relationship — when making its recommendations to reduce funding.

President Clinton's fiscal year 1995 budget reflects a \$24.2 million decrease in the BIA budget. Approximately one-half (\$12 million) of that will be accrued from personnel and administration.

While there are some budget increases — tribal priority allocations, trust funds management, and contract support — the task force contends the total reductions offset any proposed budget in-

Creek Nation 4-H swine show highlights year

OKMULGEE — Lindsey Johnson was awarded grand champion at the Creek Nation 4-H swine show March 7 at the Okmulgee County Fairgrounds.

Johnson of Oktaha, won her breed class with a Hampshire. She was one of 12 participants showing hogs. The show culminated the first year of the tribe's 4-H swine project.

Others participating in the program were: Kristi Chambers, Oktaha; Joyce Huitt, Porter; Bethany Lechner, Haskell; Jordan Lechner, Haskell; Chris Mathews, Porter; Michael McCall, Glenpool; Robert McDougal, Kellyville; Andrea Romano, Calvin; LaVicka Smith, Graham; Michelle Story, Moss; and Cassandra Thompsen, Schuler.

Creek Nation 4-H Swine Show results

Hampshire

Breed Champion — Johnson
Reserve Breed Champion — Story
third place — Chambers
fourth place — Smith
fifth place — McDougal
sixth place — B. Lechner

Yorkshire

Breed champion — J. Lechner
Reserve breed champion — McCall

Crossbreeds

Breed champion — Huitt
Reserve breed champion — Romano



Johnson



Story

photos by Jim Wolfe

third place — Thompson
fourth place — Mathews
Grand Champion — Johnson
Reserve Grand Champion — Story
Showmanship — Romano
Reserve Showmanship — J. Lechner

creases.

Proposed cuts are to: welfare assistance grants; housing improvement grants; self-determination technical assistance grants; special tribal courts; business enterprise development; and others.

The task force passed a resolution to specifically exempt the BIA from any budget reductions

next year. Again, the lack of tribal consultation and their government-to-government relationship with the U.S. were used as justification.

The proposed \$12 million in savings would be applied to the federal deficit, contends the task force — which wants to use the \$12 million elsewhere within the BIA budget.



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June Fixico, community health representative, tests Waitie Fish's blood sugar level at the diabetic education Health Fair held at Okemah Indian Community.

Chartered community news

submitted by community members

Checotah Indian Community

- Checotah Indian Community held its monthly meeting March 15 with McIntosh District representative Yahola Townsend attending.
- The youth group had a fund-raising taco dinner March 8.
- The women seniors held a wild onion dinner March 11.
- Community members Martha Armstrong and Nancy Barnett attended the Johnson O'Malley conference in March in Tulsa.
- The community donated \$2,600 to the local 4-H and Future Farmers of America booster clubs. This will help with the cost of trophies and other expenses for the McIntosh County livestock show.
- An elders luncheon was held March 22. Special guests attending included: Muscogee Nation Principal Chief Bill Fife; Second Chief Shelly Crow; and tribal employees Steve Landsberry and Ken Tiger.
- The community is sponsoring five local baseball teams.
- Applications for the community sponsored college scholarship for Checotah Indian students may be picked up at the community center.
- The community meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Guests are welcome.

Koweta Indian Community

- Coweta High School wrestlers Seth McIn-

Reunions

Smith family reunion

DUSTIN — The 11th Annual Smith Family Reunion will begin at 9 a.m., May 28 at the Bill Smith residence. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish. Games and food will be available.

The Smith residence is located three miles north of Middle Creek Baptist Church and across from the Carson Cemetery.

For more information, contact Diana Grayson at: P.O. Box 4, Stillwell, OK 74960.

Chilocco reunion

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Chilocco School reunion will be held June 9 through 12 at the Radisson Inn at Interstate 40 and Meridian Avenue.

An hourly shuttle service will be available to take guests at the Radisson Inn to the Red Earth Festival. Shuttle service will also be available between the inn and Will Rogers International Airport.

A Chilocco Alumni Association newsletter is being developed and will include a reunion agenda. Alumni and former students are invited



photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Principal Chief Bill Fife, Sue Harper, and Leona Fox enjoy a luncheon of traditional food held by the Checotah Indian Community to honor its elders.

tosh and Michael Miller placed third at the state wrestling tournament.

- Kristen Childers was an attendant for Coweta High School basketball queen.
- Sara Graves was an attendant for Coweta Junior High School basketball queen.
- The Koweta Indian Community volleyball

team won the sportsmanship award at Sapulpa in February.

- The Koweta community talent show program winner was David Allen Cole.
- An Indian taco dinner was held March 5 to raise funds for the Koweta community sports building.

to attend. Those not attending are asked to provide the alumni association with a current address and status to keep the alumni and student register updated. Send current information to: Jerry Jefferson, 2900 SW 48th, Oklahoma City, OK 73119.

Birthdays

Yahola Bear Jones

SHAWNEE — Yahola Bear Jones celebrated his first birthday with a party at his home.

Jones is the son of Coper and Angelus Jones of Shawnee. Paternal grandparents are the late Walter and Mary Jones. Maternal grandparents are Thompson White of Dallas, Texas, and Angelus Pigeon.

The party was attended by Jones' aunts, uncles, and members of Shawnee First Indian Baptist Church.



Jones

Five generations of Fannie Berryhill Chalakee pictured



Five generations descended from Fannie Berryhill Chalakee gathered at the Berryhill-Chalakee family reunion. Standing from left to right are: Martha Chalakee Reece; Casey Reece Hickert; and Gregory Reece. Seated is Chalakee holding her great-great grandson, Roman Hickert.

Education briefs

Weleetka wins Okemah tourney

OKEMAH — This group of Weleetka Public Schools students won the Okemah Public Schools

Johnson O'Malley Parent Committee volleyball tournament recently. The tournament proceeds benefit the Anna



Bland Memorial Scholarship, awarded annually to an outstanding Okfuskee County Indian student. Pictured from left to right are: Jimmy McNac; Brian Buckley; Albert Harjo; Sam Marshall; and Eric Roberts. Not pictured is Ada Littlecreek. The Weleetka team was sponsored by Ramona Tiger, Lutie Gouge, and Louise Jennings.

Seminole Nation offers scholarships

WEWOKA — The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and Florida State University are offering three scholarships to Seminole students.

To be eligible, students must: be at least one-quarter blood Seminole and an enrolled member of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma; have an ACT score of at least 22 or SAT score above 900; and be in the top ten percent of graduating class.

One scholarship is available to those students maintaining at least a B average. Each applicant must also write an essay explaining the student's decision to apply for the scholarship.

For more information, contact the Seminole Nation at (405) 257-6343.

Bacone seeks director of nursing

MUSKOGEE — Bacone College is seeking a director of nursing for its associate degree nursing program. The qualified application will have a master's degree in nursing, a current Oklahoma registered nursing license, and two years experience in clinical nursing as an R.N. One year's teaching experience in a nursing program leading to licensure experience as director is preferred. For more information, contact: Linda Pearson, Health Sciences Division, 2299 Old Bacone Road, Muskogee, OK 74403, or call (918) 683-4581.



photo by Gerald Wofford

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Johnson O'Malley program sponsored a poster contest for high school students. Pictured from left to right are: Sandra Peters, JOM program; Matthew Payne, Morris High School, first place; Sheridan Pickering, Eufaula High School, second place; Trina Brown, Bristow High School, third place; John Sands; Mason High School, fourth place; Ken Taryole, JOM manager. Payne also placed fourth at the statewide JOM conference in Tulsa.

Harjochee graduates from Oklahoma City University

OKLAHOMA CITY — Deborah Culley Harjochee graduated from Oklahoma City University's legal assistant program recently. She is currently employed with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Attorney General's office as a legal administrator at the capitol complex.

She is married to Barney Harjochee. Together they have two children, Jess and Paul.

Harjochee is the daughter of Loren and the late Paul Culley. She plans to continue her education at OCU.



Muscogee student achievement

Postoak leads fund raising

NEW LIMA — Eli Postoak, a first-grade student at New Lima Elementary School, lead all other students in collections in a recent math-a-thon.

Postoak was one of many students who solved math problems to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

Postoak is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richie Postoak.



Postoak

Tiger awarded goldsmith scholarship

PARADISE VALLEY, Ariz. — Timothy Tiger has been awarded a minority student fellowship from the Society of North American Goldsmiths. The award was based on a metal sculpture and academic performance.

Tiger is a senior at Oklahoma State University majoring in studio art. He is the son of Bill and Patricia Smith of Stillwater and the late Miller Tiger. Grandparents are James and Dovie Goins of Checotah.

Brown named student of the month

LIBERTY MOUNDS — Lloyd Dawn Brown was named February student of the month at Liberty Mounds Elementary School. The first-grade student was chosen by a panel of teachers whose selection is based on grades, leadership, congeniality, and behavior.

Brown is the daughter of Floyd and Jeanie Brown of Liberty Mounds. Maternal grandparents are Dorothy and the late Jeff Lee of Kellyville. Paternal grandparents are Felix and Florence Brown of Okmulgee.



Brown

Muscogee (Creek) Nation obituaries

WILLIE ASBURY

RYAL — Funeral services for Willie Asbury were held March 9 at Ryal Community Church with Revs. Bunny Soweka and Raymond Beaver officiating.

Asbury, of Okmulgee, was born Nov. 30, 1923 in Eufaula to Johnson and Hattie Sulpher Asbury. He died March 5 in Okmulgee.

He was a World War II Navy veteran and a member of Ryal Community Church.

Survivors include: a son, Norman Asbury of Kansas; neices; nephews; and other relatives.

Interment was in the Soweka Family Cemetery.

RAYMOND SIMPSON BUCK

HOLDENVILLE — Funeral services for Raymond Buck were held Feb. 21 at Many Springs Baptist Church with Revs. Jimmy Anderson and James Bruner officiating.

Buck was born April 12, 1926 to Nathan and Alice Buck. He died Feb. 17 at Holdenville General Hospital.

Buck was a World War II veteran and served in the Pacific and European theaters.

He attended Spaulding School and Haskell Institute. Buck was a member of Many Springs Baptist Church.

Buck was preceded in death by: his parents; three brothers, Jake, Frankie, and Otis Buck; and a sister, Jeanette.

Survivors include: his wife, Bernita of the home; a daughter, Ramona Faulkner of Claremore; two sons, Steve Buck of Indiana, and Richard Buck of Tulsa; a daughter-in-law, Barbara Buck of Tulsa; a son-in-law, Tony Faulkner of Claremore; grandchildren, Tonya Faulkner of Claremore, Mary Buck of Tulsa, Chris Lovato of Fort Hood, Texas, Jason Lovato of the home, Jamie Kirkland, Brandon Lowe, Ronnie Buck, and Alicia Buck, all of Holdenville; five brothers, Vernon Buck of Del City, Nathan Buck of Pryor, Sock Buck, Robert Buck, and J.W. Buck, all of Holdenville; two sisters, Leona Brooks of Orlando, Fla., and Margaret Siegrist of Holdenville; aunts, Nellie McCosar of Sapulpa, Vivian McCosar of Tulsa, Lizzie Factor and Ollie Woods, both of Wewoka; several neices; and several nephews.

Pallbearers were: Wiley Washington; Chebon Buck; John Buck; Mitchell Buck; Otis Buck; B.J. Buck; Jackie Siegrist Jr.; and Jackie Stinger.

Honorary pallbearers were: Abraham Gooden; Richard Anderson; Bontie Abernathy; Cleo Orr; Paul Dunn; Fred Lowe; B.T. Fish; James McCosar; Lewis McCosar; and Mike Mooney.

Interment was in the McCosar Cemetery.

BETTY SCOTT CREAMER

AMARILLO, Tex. — Funeral services for Betty Scott Creamer were held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

She was born Jan. 28, 1921 to James N. and Ethel Coffman Scott at Sapulpa. Creamer died Feb. 16 in Amarillo. She was raised on the Hopi Reservation, Second Mesa, Ariz. She graduated from Arizona State University. Scott was a pianist with the Amarillo Symphony and an accompanist for the Amarillo Civic Ballet.

Survivors include a son, James Fornaro of Baltimore, Md.

THELMA CORA DERRISAW

OKMULGEE — Funeral services for Thelma Cora Derrisaw were held March 16 at Newtown United Methodist Church with Revs. Clarence Bigler, Willie Gooden, and George Miller officiating.

Derrisaw was born Feb. 27, 1913 to Jasper and Ruth Anderson Bell at Concharty. She died March 12 at St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa.

She was a retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and was a member of Newtown United Methodist Church.

Survivors include: her husband, Roosevelt Derrisaw of the home; several neices; and several nephews.

Pallbearers were: Charles Bell; Robbie Record; Tim Thompson; Dennis Juneau; Rex Mosquito; and Bobbie Brown.

Interment was in the Newtown Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Newtown United Methodist Women.

TRUMAN GEREN

BROKEN ARROW — Funeral services for Truman Geren were held Feb. 24 at Christian-Gavlik Funeral Home.

He died Feb. 20.

Geren was active in the Tulsa Indian community and started the first support group for HIV-positive American Indian men and developed a Hispanic HIV-AIDS program. He was a case manager for the Ahalaya Project.

Survivors include: parents, Mary and Marvin Geren; brothers, Johnny, Jeff, James, and Pudge; nephews, Andrew and Joshua; and a niece, Jennifer.

Interment was in the Vernon Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Truman Geren AIDS Memorial Fund, c/o Feathergraphx, 5350 E. 46th St., Suite 200, Tulsa, OK 74135.

MARY MAGDELENE RUSSELL

HENRYETTA — Funeral services for Mary Russell were held March 17 at Immanuel

Baptist Church with Revs. Ledtkey McIntosh and Jack Vance officiating.

Russell was born Dec. 14, 1911 to Joseph Willis and Nancy Cole at Hoffman. She died March 14 in Tulsa.

Russell was a member of First Baptist Church, Dewar, and a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Henry Russell; a son, Floyd Russell; a sister; two brothers; and her parents.

Survivors include: 10 children, Ruby Coates of the home; Faye Shawdah, Nancy Long, and James Russell, all of Dewar, Dee Russell, Sarah Ann Kidwell, and Billy Joe Russell, all of Henryetta, Curt Russell of Tiger Mountain, Lee Russell of Velma, and Charley Russell of Rolla, Mo.; daughters-in-law, Gerry Russell of Tiger Mountain, Mary Russell of Velma, Paula and Linda Russell, both of Henryetta, Hazel Russell of Dewar; and Suzanne Russell of Rolla; sons-in-law, Gene Long of Dewar, and Jim Kidwell of Henryetta; five sisters, Lilly Noblin and Arnette Hicks, both of Henryetta, Martha Fry of Dewar, Elise Broker of Bristow, and Irene Woods of Estchadia, Ore.; 41 grandchildren; 95 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Billy Brewer; Robert Russell; Curt Russell; James Henry Russell; Billy David Russell; and Cullen Helms.

Honorary pallbearers were: Woodrow Robinson; Keith Oglesby; Rick Oglesby; Joe Nail; Richard Carter; Carrol Bean; Jimmy Kidwell; Albert Brown; Dink Langston; Tony Henry; Bret Rider; Mike Russell; and Albert Peters.

Interment was in the New Senora Cemetery.

THOMAS TARYOLE

OKEMAH — Funeral services for Thomas "Nick" Taryole were held March 14 at the Taryole home with Wiley King, Thompson Gouge, Joseph Factor, John Lowe, and Legus Lowe officiating.

Taryole was born July 6, 1913 to Prince and Marfy Mickey Taryole. He died March 11.

He was an active member of Nuyaka Tribal Town.

Taryole was preceded in death by: his wife, Winey Mae Lowe; two brothers, Marchie and Frank Taryole; and a granddaughter, Thomasena



Taryole

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Barnett.

Survivors include: a son, Newman Taryole of Bristow; a daughter, Thelma Barnett of Bristow; a brother, Van Taryole of Okemah; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and many other friends and relatives.

Interment was in the Taryole Family Cemetery.

ALEXANDER THOMAS

BROKEN ARROW — Funeral services were held Feb. 22 for Alexander "German" Thomas at Broken Arrow United Indian Methodist Church with Revs. Roy Bigpond and George Miller officiating.

Thomas was born April 26, 1920 to Lewis and Sally Carr Thomas at Coweta. He died Feb. 20 at Heritage Nursing Home in Muskogee.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in World War II at Normandy and was discharged honorably as a first sergeant with 221st Headquarters 90th Infantry Division. He received the Bronze Star, three Bronze Service Stars, and a Purple Heart.

Thomas retired from Braden Winch in 1983. He was a member of Broken Arrow Indian United Methodist Church and the Disabled American Veterans. Thomas served two terms as a Waggoner-Rogers-Mayes District representative to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council.

Survivors include: wife, Ruby Faye Hakes Tho-

mas of the home; two sons, Randy and Thomas Thomas, both of Coweta; a daughter, Suzanne Denise Smith of Coweta; a sister, Christine Wylley Smith of Broken Arrow; and five grandchildren, Randy, Ronnie, Brandon, and Lawanna Thomas, and Nicole Smith.

Pallbearers were: Harry Perryman; Lewis Perryman; Cecil Lowe; Kenneth Childers; Samuel Bush; and Mickey Primeaux.

Honorary pallbearers were: Freeman Marshall; Harley Waldrup; Zoal Stringer; Andrew Lowe; Bert Foster; and Monk Beck.

Interment was in the Vernon Cemetery.

BETSY TIGER

OKEMAH — Funeral services for Betsy Tiger were held March 10 at Springfield United Methodist Church with Revs. Jerry Baker, H.A. Fixico, and Alvin Deere officiating.

Tiger was born March 14, 1931 to Roman Fixico and Louinie Simmer Harjo at Castle. She died March 8 in Okemah.

Tiger was a retired cook from the Creek Nation Community Hospital. She was a member of Springfield United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Eugene Tiger; a daughter; and her parents.

Survivors include: four daughters, Eugenia Thompson of Schuler, Wynona Tiger of Los Angeles, Calif., Beverly Sweetwater of Corona, Calif., and Ellen Forsythe of Mission Viejo, Calif.; three sons, Bill Wofoer of Okemah, Eugene Tiger Jr. of Oklahoma City, and Christopher Tiger of Reno, Nev.; four sisters, Etta Mae Fixico,

Snake Creek Baptist

BIXBY — A fifth Sunday singing service will be held at 1:30 p.m., May 29.

The church's annual singing is June 25. Dinner will be served from 5 to 6:30 p.m. All singers and groups are welcome. The church is located at S. 215th St. and Mingo in Bixby.

To get to the church from U.S. Highway 75, take 211th St. east to Mingo, then south for one-quarter mile.

Springtown United Methodist

BROKEN ARROW — Springtown United Methodist Church is hosting the Northeast District Senior Methodist quarterly meeting April 24. The church hosted the last meeting Jan. 30.

Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. with morning worship at 11. Bible study is every first and third Sunday. Fellowship services are every Wednesday except the Wednesday before fourth Sunday — which is a prayer service.

"The door is always open and everyone is welcome," said Josephine Deere, Springtown member.

The church is located seven miles east of Broken Arrow on 71st St., north three miles on Oak Grove Road, and one-half mile east on 41st St.

Rachel Fixico, Nakomis Vela, and Rebecca Kingsberry; and two brothers, C.M. Fixico and Hiawatha Fixico.

Interment was in the Fixico Family Cemetery.

JACKIE SUE WALKER

HENRYETTA — Funeral services for Jackie Sue Walker were held Feb. 5 at Merrit Funeral Service Chapel with Rev. John Buckner officiating.

Walker was born Sept. 16, 1948 to Dorsey and Lucille Billy Francis at Tahlequah. She died Feb. 2 at Tulsa Regional Medical Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include: two daughters, Jamie Sue and Jenna Sky Walker, both of Eufaula; two sons, James and Jeffrey Allen Walker, both of Eufaula.

Pallbearers were: David Dean Francis; Tom Pickering; Gary Walker; Sammy Thomas; Joe McGirt; and Taylor Fields.

Interment was in the Artussee Cemetery.

Gratitude

Thanks to all of those who helped during our loss of a loved one. If you said a prayer, sang a song, brought flowers or food, said comforting words, or if you couldn't be there, but your thoughts were, they will not be forgotten.

The Thomas Taryole family

We would like to express our gratitude to all for their kindness, the kind thoughts in prayer, assistance, support, and beautiful flowers. May God bless you.

The Ruby, Thomas, Suzie Thomas Smith, Harriet Marshall, and Kristine Smith families

Clarification

Neil Edward Campbell, whose obituary appeared in the March edition of *The Muscogee Nation News*, is a direct descendant of Chief William McIntosh and a cousin to W.E. "Dode" McIntosh who was appointed Muscogee Nation Principal Chief in 1961.

Religion briefs

Broken Arrow Indian Methodist

BROKEN ARROW — "God's Love, Mercy, and Grace" is the theme of Broken Arrow Indian United Methodist Church's spring revival, April 22 and 23. Anita Phillips, Christ Memorial Church, Claremore is the featured speaker. Services begin at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served after each service.

Easter is the church's fourth Sunday. The church is located one mile east of the Tulsa County line and 141st St. or six miles east of Coweta off of 141st St.

Indian Fellowship Baptist

OAKHURST — Indian Fellowship Baptist Church spring revival dates are May 2 through 6 with Rev. Josh Harjo of Westville preaching. Services begin nightly at 7:30.

An intertribal hymn singing service will begin at 7 p.m. May 7.

Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship services begin at 11. Rev. William Alexander is pastor. The church is located two miles west of the Turner Turnpike Tulsa gate on Allen Bowden Road.

Falls Creek change announced

DAVIS — Indian Falls Creek Baptist Assembly will have study about the "Here's Hope — Share Jesus Now" program during the second hour service instead of the 9:30 a.m. skills conference held in previous years. The service will feature information on the program that has a goal of every church member witnessing at least once a day for 60 consecutive days in 1995.

Indian Falls Creek is the largest gathering of Indian Baptists in North America. Camp dates are June 20 through 25. For more information, contact Rev. Bill Barnett, P.O. Box 1361, Seminole, OK 74868.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation chartered community news

Submitted by chartered community members
Holdenville to hold taco dinner,
gospel singing to raise funds

HOLDENVILLE — Holdenville Indian Community will be holding an Indian taco dinner April 9 to raise funds for its elder and youth activities, including the Creek Nation Olympics.

The dinner will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

The community is also holding a gospel singing at 7 p.m., April 23. The master of ceremonies will be Robert Baker, Antlers. Concessions will be available.

The regular community meeting will be held at 7 p.m., April 19 and the executive board meeting will be held at 6 p.m., April 26.

Koweta Creeks to hold fundraising pow wow

COWETA — A Koweta Indian Community Center benefit pow wow will be held April 16.

Proceeds will be contributed to the community's all-purpose building fund.

The gourd dance will begin at 2 p.m. Supper will be served at 5 p.m. The gourd dance will resume at 6:30 p.m. and the grand entry will be held at 7:30 p.m.

The master of ceremonies will be Curtis Zunigha. Head singer is Henry Collins. Head man dancer is Josh Williamson. Head lady dancer is Pauline Tsosie. Head gourd dancer is Charlie Squire. The arena director is John Peacock.

The winner take all contest is for adults.

Arts and crafts set-up is available for a \$10 fee. Artisans must bring their own tables and chairs. The community will not be held responsible for accidents. Drugs and alcohol are prohibited. For more information, contact Stephanie Allen at (918) 486-6638.

Community development office produces community newsletter

OKMULGEE — The community development office has begun printing a newsletter for chartered communities. The April edition is available. To receive a copy or submit information, contact Amy Coachman, Community Services, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447, or call (918) 756-8700, ext. 302.

Five tribes council to meet in Okmulgee

OKMULGEE — The Inter-tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes will have its quarterly meeting April 8 at the Creek Council House Museum in downtown Okmulgee.

"This could be the first time all five chiefs of the Inter-tribal Council will meet in the Council House," said Pat Moore, Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court Judge and Council delegate.

Workshops and other activities will be April 7 on the campus of Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee.

Listed below is the schedule for the quarterly meeting.

April 7

8 a.m. — golf tournament, Okmulgee Country Club

10 a.m. — Johnson O'Malley directors' meeting

10 a.m. — health issues update

11 a.m. — update and issues regarding the 1947 Act

12 p.m. — manufacturing technology and alliance luncheon and tour hosted by Dr. Robert Klabenes, OSU-Okmulgee provost

2 p.m. — Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission update hosted by Muscogee Nation Second Chief Shelly Crow

3 p.m. — Inter-tribal council executive committee meeting

6:30 p.m. — reception

9 p.m. — social dance

The Inter-tribal council quarterly meeting begins at 9 a.m. April 8.

Tribal political advocacy group organizes

OKMULGEE — The Mvskoke (Creek) People's Rights Association has been organized and is meeting regularly.

The group is a non-profit research, development, and advocacy group for citizens' rights and is headquartered in Okmulgee.

The organization's principal goals are to work for the betterment of Creek citizens and to impact upon our National Council and administration not only our concerns for individuals, but concerns for all programs offered, to make sure that the variety of services available is a direct reflection of the variety of the needs of our citizens and to establish a linkage with public and private agencies, said Eugenia Kelley, chair of the group in a prepared release.

Kelley said the organization will address the services offered to tribal citizens at the state, federal, and tribal level.

"We must face the reality that our system is far

behind where it should be today to provide services to our people," Kelley said. "All citizens have the right to participate in the decisions that affect the operations of all the Creek Nation's services."

Kelley said it is the organization's philosophy that there is no excuse for failure to provide services to people.

"We must look for truth, not stereotypes — solutions, not problems," Kelley said. "We're a legitimate civil rights organization and we urge all citizens to join this organization."

Officers are:

Kelley, chair;

Felix Haynes, vice-chair;

Elizabeth Phillips, secretary-treasurer; and

Glen Jones, sergeant-at-arms.

For more information, call (918) 756-3342, 756-2614, or (918) 367-6397. Prospective members must be of Creek or Yuchi descent.

Area, national briefs

Chickasaws recruiting health officials

ADA — The Chickasaw Nation is seeking qualified health care professionals to fill positions in Ardmore, Tishomingo, and Ada.

The Chickasaws are expanding their health care services, including the administration and operation of its clinics and the Carl Albert Indian health complex.

Physicians, physician's assistants and nurse practitioners are being sought for family practice and women's health.

For more information, contact: Joe Bennet, Chickasaw Nation Health Services, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74820, or call (405) 436-2603, ext. 514.

Crime bill amendment exempts Indians

WASHINGTON — Oklahoma Second District Congressional Representative Mike Synar (D-Muskogee) amended the Crime Bill to exempt those who are subject to tribal jurisdiction from the "three-strikes-you're-out" provision. The provision allows for life sentences for those who are convicted of three felonies.

Synar said his amendment will exempt those subjected to the criminal jurisdiction of a tribe unless the governing body of the tribe elects to be covered by the provision.

"Currently, the vast majority of federal crime prosecutions are against Native Americans. In 1992, [Indians] were the defendants in more than half of all federal prosecutions for aggravated assault, two of three aggravated sex abuse or rape cases, and four out of five manslaughter cases — all because of their location on federal land."

Society briefs

Houle's celebrate
41 years of matrimony

SHAWNEE MISSION, Kan. — Tony and Martha Houle celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary on March 21.

Mr. Houle retired from Allied Signal, in Kansas City, Mo., after 37 years of employment as an electrician. After 23 years as a lab technician, Mrs.

Houle retired from Miles, Inc., Shawnee Mission. Mrs. Houle serves as chair of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship Board.



Tony and Martha Houle

Muscogee woman named
Miss Indian OU for 1994-95

NORMAN — Muscogee-Seminole student Barbara Joy Endres was recently named Miss Indian Oklahoma University.

A 1993 graduate of Preston High School, Endres was an all-stater in softball, received academic all-state honors in varsity basketball, and was valedictorian of her graduating class.

A freshman at OU, Endres is an honors scholar and has received the OU Award of Excellence for her academic achievements. She is the manager of the Lady Sooners basketball team and a member of the American Indian Student Association.

As Miss Indian OU, Endres strives to represent a symbol of advancement by succeeding academically while maintaining her tribal traditions and cultural values.

She is a nutritional science major and plans to pursue advanced studies at the OU Health Sciences Center.

She is the daughter of Mike and Barbara Endres and the granddaughter of Dorothy Pinezaddleby.



Endres

Religion briefs

Clean up day scheduled at Big Arbor

FAME — A clean up day for Big Arbor Cemetery has been scheduled for 10 a.m., May 7.

Any individuals with relatives interred in the cemetery are encouraged to participate. Those participating should bring their lunch.

To get to the cemetery, turn east at Stidham Public Schools and drive three miles to Big Arbor Baptist Church. The cemetery is located north of the church.

Okmulgee Baptist food-garage sale set

OKMULGEE — Okmulgee Indian Baptist Church is holding an Indian food and garage sale April 9. The garage sale will begin at 7 a.m. The food sale will begin at 11 a.m.

The church has scheduled a revival to be held April 11 through 15. The speaker is George Harjocee.

From U.S. Highway 75 and state highway 56, drive seven-tenths of a mile west and one-half of a mile south to the intersection of Okmulgee and Eufaula streets. From the intersection, the church is located one mile west, then south.

Glenpool Indian Baptist holds revival

GLENPOOL — Glenpool Indian Baptist Church has scheduled a revival to be held April 11 through 15. Services will begin at 7 nightly.

The evangelist is Rev. Russell Begaye, Arlington, Texas. The music director is Rev. Warren Pratt. Loretta M. Denny is the pianist. A nursery will be provided.

The church is located at 841 E. 141st St.



photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Scott Baker, construction manager for Flintco, Inc. left, and Bill Fife, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief, sign the contracts for the construction of the new center for human development. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Feb. 28. Baker said the building should be completed in September.

Sports

Pokko Cvleckv bowling
tournament to be held

MIDWEST CITY — Pokko Cvleckv — the 24th Annual Indian Bowling Tournament — will be held April 9 and 10 at Planet Bowl, 6601 Tinker Expressway.

One place will be awarded for every 8 entries. Added prize monies will be given away. Scotch doubles-masters will be held Saturday evening. On-the-spot cash awards of \$5 and \$10 will be awarded to men and women.

Door prizes will be given away. Grocery baskets, Indian jewelry, bowling ball, and 50-50 pot raffles will be held.

Tournament officials are: Jim Thompson, director; Greg Turner, assistant director; and Dione Bartmess, treasurer.

For more information, call Turner at (405) 232-6039 or Liz Factor, secretary, at (405) 632-4439.

The Muscogee Nation News deadlines

OKMULGEE — The following dates are deadlines for submissions to be received by *The Muscogee Nation News* to ensure publication. Deadline is the third Friday of every month.

- May issue — April 15
- June issue — May 20
- July issue — June 20 (Deadline is extended because June 17 is a tribal holiday.)

Anything received after the deadline will be considered for publication only as space permits.

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Wilson said tribal economic development planner Andrew Skeeter completed *pro forma* statements for the project and has been coordinating the tribe's implementation efforts, including location of facilities and hiring of key staff.

General manager Dan Johnson, a registered engineer, and Grover Wind, production manager and tribal member, with a number of years experience in the manufacturing and sales areas, have been hired to implement and operate the program.

Fife said the operation now has 15 employees.

The facility will be located initially near the Okmulgee airport. A 5,000 square foot facility for production and offices has been leased.

The tribe has also received a \$10,000 training grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to train production assembly workers and supplement the ANA funding package.

Fife said the assembly plant is part of his plan to diversify the tribe's economic base.

"Bingo has been very beneficial for us, but we need to expand horizontally with our economic base," Fife said.

Wilson said he is hopeful the manufacturing assembly operations can be expanded into other geographic areas in the Creek Nation, once all the procedures and quality controls are in place.

Muscogee Creek Nation Manufacturing Enterprises board members are: Principal Chief Bill Fife; tribal comptroller Mike Factor; and attorney Tim Posey.

Council

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son, Okfuskee; **J. Harjo, Litsey, Lyda, Nichols, Okmulgee; and Cleghorn, Tulsa;**

— approved unanimously (33-0) an amendment to the eyeglass assistance program ordinance. The amendment includes those who are not eligible for services under the elderly eyeglass program and those whose medical problems affect their vision;

— approved unanimously (32-0) a resolution supporting the Chickasaw Nation's attempt to operate and administer the Carl Albert Indian Health Services Facility in Ada. Yahola did not vote;

— confirmed (19-14) the appointment of Charlotte Anderson to the tribal citizenship board. Those opposed were: **Yahola, Hughes-Seminole; Gouge, Townsend, McIntosh; Coker, Pease, Muskogee; Jackson, Roberts, Okfuskee; Hale, Lewis, Litsey, Lyda, Okmulgee; Cleghorn, Tulsa; Gillespie, Wagoner-Rogers- Mayes;** and

— abolished unanimously (32-0) the Council's internal operations committee. Yahola did not vote.



photo by Gerald Wofford

Principal Chief Bill Fife presents a block grant check to Sheridan Pickering of the Eufaula Indian Community Youth Council. The youth council is chartered in accordance with tribal ordinance.

Petition notices filed on Crow and Ware

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mental appropriation for the department of justice reflects mismanagement. Currently, a bill appropriating additional funds to the AG office is in committee; and

• Ware has abused her power by giving of false information with intent, tactic, to persuade members of the National Council to appropriate additional funding.

This is the third time for a notice of intent to be filed on the Second Chief. The first petition, filed by Chester Adams of Beggs, did not have the required signatures. The same was true for the second petition, filed by James Morgan of Schulter.

"The efforts of the uninformed individual seeking my removal only undermines the good intentions and purposes of my administration which is totally committed to the improvement and advancement of all Muscogee people," Crow said.

"My office has established a relationship with the traditional people of the tribe where before there was never an open door. I am ready to meet and speak with any member of this tribe and do my best to resolve issues that directly impact their lives."

Kelley said she was asked to file a notice of intent on behalf of citizens across the nation. Kelley said she was aware the first two petitions seeking removal failed, but was confident her efforts will have different results this time.

"The first two (notices of intent) didn't list the specific violations of ordinances and the allegations were not documented," Kelley said. "This time I have documented my claims."

Kelley also said the first two removal attempts were unorganized.

Crow said her work as Second Chief will not be affected.

"I will continue my best efforts to do what needs to be done for the Muscogee people and continue the open communication link I have established with all people."

Kelley said her intent filed against Ware is a result of "a lot of phone calls" from citizens complaining about the attorney general.

"Too many citizens feel she is overpaid and that she has been negligent with people," Kelley said.

Though Ware is not an elected official, Kelley said she will still circulate petitions because Ware is a public official.

The attorney general is appointed by the Principal Chief and confirmed by the National Council.

Ware said she believes the allegations are without merit.

Specifically answering the allegations, Ware said:

— the contract between her and the tribe is valid and binding and was approved by the National Council;

— the department of justice caseload — "my own as well" — is well above what it should be;

— it is her official duty to advise all my clients regarding legal and procedural moves. "It is my job."; and

— the comprehensive budget reflects that the department of justice received just 57 percent of the funding needed for operations.

"All of her contentions are meritless," Ware said.



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Creek Nation health system participating in National Hospital Week

OKEMAH — Tribal citizens have the opportunity to meet health professionals, learn about health services, and receive free screenings at the Creek Nation Community Hospital Health Fair beginning at 10 a.m., May 14 on the hospital lawn.

Hospital employees have organized the event which will also include health seminars, children's immunizations, and other activities between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The activities are held in conjunction with National Hospital Week, May 8 through 14.

Representatives from various hospital departments will be available to answer questions about medical procedures and services available through the hospital as well as provide informational brochures and demonstrations. Representatives from Wes Watkins Area Vo-Tech Center in Wetumka, the American Association of Retired Persons, and Oklahoma State University Extension Services will also be present.

"Scrubby Bear," the national mascot for infection control professionals, will be greeting children with balloons and treats. American Indian storytelling sessions will be at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded for current child immunization records as a part of the Creek Nation Health Care continuous campaign for children's immunizations. Public health nurses will provide some immunizations, however vaccine will be administered only to children accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

All are welcome to participate in the outdoor aerobic fitness classes at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Listed below are the participating departments and their activities:

- behavioral health — substance abuse prevention-intervention;
- contract health — information about the contract health program;
- dietary — nutrition brochures and fat analysis;
- emergency medical services — display of EMS vehicle and equipment;
- health information — patient charts;

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photo by Jim Wolfe

The annual Creek Nation Head Start Olympics transcends generations with a spirit of competitive good will. Volunteers exhort the students to finish the distance in the sprints. The contests were between all of the tribal Head Start centers in conjunction with National Head Start Week and held at the omniplex in Okmulgee.

Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo enters twentieth year of family entertainment

OKMULGEE — The 20th Annual Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo has announced its lineup of activities for the tribal holiday weekend June 17 through 19.

"We're very excited about the 20th anniversary festival celebration," said Second Chief Shelly Crow, committee chair. "The committee and a number of volunteers have worked hard to ensure a successful festival."

The committee has again raised funds through a variety of means to maintain self-sufficiency. This is the second consecutive year that no tribal funds have been appropriated to defray the expense of a three-day festival that is expected to attract more than 12,000 people.

"Of course, there is no way to measure the value of volunteer time and efforts," Crow said. "The festival cannot be successful without intense volunteer effort."

Other festival committee members are: lighthorse chief Barton Williams, second-chair, gaming author-

ity board chair Sonny O'Hern; Sapulpa Health Clinic director Sherry Baker; elderly nutrition manager Pearl Thomas; environmental services manager Henry Harjo; and BIA Okmulgee agency director Jimmy Gibson.

Again, the festival will offer a variety of events. The following are the festival events and a respective contact person.

- Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation Pageant, June 16, Rita Williams, (918) 756-0319;
- archery, Mike Berryhill, (918) 652-7868;
- arts and crafts, Pearl Thomas, (918) 756-9443;
- bowling, Arnette Sanford, (918) 756-7418;
- five-kilometer run, Roger Barnett, (918) 756-8700 ext. 262;
- golf, Jim Burgess, (918) 758-1400;
- gospel singing, Jess Scott, (918) 623-2765, or 623-2620;
- health, Kim Hicks, (918) 756-1941;

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Letters to the editor

Texas reader seeks family history

Editor:

I am doing a family tree. I am looking for information about the following people.

My grandparents were John R. and Ariadne Edna Stidham Reynolds. John Reynolds was born April 10, 1856 in New York City. He died in 1914 and is buried in Oak Hill, near Hanna.

Stidham-Reynolds was born Sept. 30, 1874 in Stidham. She died in 1957 and is also buried in Oak Hill. Her parents were Lee and Harriet Island Stidham. There is no listing of her blood quantum.

The Reynolds were married in 1892 at Eufaula. They had eight children — Annie, Laura, William, Arthur, Lizzie, Ethel, Lily, and Howard.

Stidham-Reynolds' second marriage was to H.O. Hamilton in 1921 at Hanna. I believe she was raised by the Betty Carr family. She is related to the Boney McIntosh family.

If anyone has any information about Stidham-Reynolds, contact Glen Reynolds at: Box 142, Big Lake, TX, 76932 or call (915) 884-3442.

Glen Reynolds, Big Lake, Texas

Illinois Creek angered by policies

Editor:

I am an angry 25-year-old Creek woman living in Illinois.

My father has been diagnosed with heart disease, and like everyone else in the U.S. today — my mother needs financial help. She's an enrolled tribal member and has the required certificate degree of Indian blood.

When she called long distance to the Creek Nation seeking financial assistance, she was put on hold for a lengthy time. She didn't want to hang up because because of the distance from which she was calling.

When the call was finally answered, my mother began to explain her situation, but she was rudely interrupted by the person she was speaking with and told she couldn't be helped because she lives outside Creek Nation boundaries — which brings me to my situation. I started actively pursuing enrollment at a nursing college in Chicago. There were several steps I had to take and one was contacting the Creek Nation about a grant. I was rudely turned down. I never received the proper forms to even apply. I was told that the Creek Indians who live within tribal boundaries would get help first.

Like my mother, I have the required cards that are supposed to help.

I was raised to believe in who I was and to learn as much as I could about my heritage. I am angry and disillusioned. My own people are pushing me down — not the caucasians or blacks.

I have a right to get help from my people or don't I? Is it simply because I live in Illinois and not in Oklahoma?

We should be trying to keep our members together and united like all other races are doing today.

I know that I am not the only Creek that is upset, but maybe I am the only one that will speak up. What's going to be done to us out-of-the-boundaries-Creeks? Do we diminish or do we stand up for our rights?

What should be most important: money or caring

for fellow Creeks? It seems to me the current chief and Council members aren't putting the most important issues first.

I encourage other Creeks who live outside the Creek Nation boundaries to speak up. Nothing is going to change unless we force it to change.

Michelle Harvey, Joliet, Ill.

Editor's note: The tribal social services program can and does provide help to enrolled Creek citizens regardless of their address. There are program guidelines and eligibility requirements for tribal services. Lengthy telephone waits are unpleasant for anyone. It is the unfortunate consequence of an eight-person staff handling more than 10,000 phone calls annually.

Tribal records indicate you were once a participant for the adult vocational training program. The Job Training Partnership Act program provides tribal grants to citizens residing outside tribal boundaries, but there are guidelines and eligibility requirements also. The program also makes referrals to other JTPA programs throughout the U.S., including Chicago.

Direct your inquiries to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation JTPA program. If you believe you were wronged, contact the respective division director with your complaint and list the times, dates, and people with whom you spoke.

New Mexico reader urges cooperation

Editor:

Reading of the intent to circulate the petition for removal of the Chief and Second Chief in the April issue of *The Muscogee Nation News*, brings an old joke to mind.

An Indian and an Anglo-American were walking to the local fishing hole with a bucket of crabs each for bait. The Anglo-American was forever having to knock his crabs back into the bucket as they kept trying to crawl up and out. He notices that the Indian was not having the same problem. He asked "How come my crabs keep trying to get out of my bucket and yours don't?"

The Indian said, "It's because I have Indian crabs. When one tries to get to the top, the others pull it back down."

Alleging incompetence or mismanagement by the elected officials isn't very complimentary to the voting population who is responsible for putting these people in office.

Instead of seeking disparity within the operation of the tribe or attempting to remove anyone from office, we should all extend our support, plus be able to recognize and appreciate the progress that has been made thus far within the tribe.

Concerned parties should endeavor to be productive and use their time and energy looking for positive ways to benefit the tribe, instead of inventing strife and trying to defame the character of well-respected folks.

Those making the allegations could consider vying for the positions to see how easy or difficult it is to please everyone all of the time. Or they could promote and support an individual they feel is capable and willing to perform in that particular position.

That is how our current chief and second chief came

about — the voters felt they were capable and willing to perform.

Colleen Larney, Rio Rancho, N.M.

Reader appreciates *The MNN*

Editor:

I would like to express my appreciation to all the people who make *The Muscogee Nation News* possible.

It has broadened my horizons and has kept me abreast of news happening among the Muscogee people. One thing I do miss is the monthly calendars that used to appear on the back page.

Keep up the good work and may God bless you all.
Jessy Tarvin, Arlington, Texas

Employee thanks Chief Fife

Editor:

I want to thank Principal Chief Bill Fife for his giving spirit. He assisted my humanitarian trip to Jamaica. The \$200 for room and board was such a blessing. May you and the Creek Nation get back a hundred-fold in return.

Also, thanks to the Council's human development committee for their time and decision on the letter of introduction to Chief Fife.

Jim Chalakee, Okmulgee

Former member discusses resignation

Editor:

I have resigned from the Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo Committee and as chair for the pow wow committee.

As of April 8, Second Chief Shelly Crow has not indicated whether or not there would be a festival pow

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In brief

Wilson wins regional honor

OKLAHOMA CITY — Muscogee (Creek) Nation Executive Director Jerry Wilson is one of eight U.S. Small Business Administration award winners for 1994.

Wilson was chosen regional minority small business advocate of the year. He is also the state minority small business advocate of the year. He was recognized before the Oklahoma legislature for his achievement. He is the author and project director of an entrepreneurship project for American Indian students as well as other materials to assist minority entrepreneurs.

Wilson is a former business and management consultant to tribes and other minorities. He joined the Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee faculty in 1986 and was director of the small business occupations program before assuming his current position in February 1993. He is also a former retail business owner and was elected four times as Tulsa District representative to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council.

Winners are selected on their professional achievements and contributions to the economy, said Bruce Robinson, district director of the small business administration.

Indian Health Service director honored

WASHINGTON — Muscogee citizen Don Davis has received a distinguished service award from the Tucson, Ariz., Veterans Affairs Medical Center for his role in bringing cardiac care services to Indian veterans and southwest residents.

The Southwest Regional Native American Cardiac Program is a coordinated effort by the Indian Health Service areas of Tucson, Navajo, and Phoenix, and the veterans medical center that provides advanced cardiac care.

The Okemah native received his bachelor of science degree from Arizona University and a master's of public health from the University of California at Berkley.

Citizen appointed to Chickasaw post

ADA — Muscogee citizen Dwayne Hughes has been appointed self-governance specialist for the Chickasaw Nation.

Self-governance compacts between the tribe and the federal government allow tribes the opportunity to redesign federal programs and services, as well as allocate funds associated with those programs and services to more effectively address tribal priorities and concerns.

A Lamar resident, Hughes held similar positions with the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and the Choctaw Nation. He received his bachelor of arts degree in education from Northeastern State University, Tahlequah.



photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Choctaw Nation Assistant Chief Greg Pyle, Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, Muscogee Nation Principal Chief Bill Fife, Cherokee Nation Tribal Council member Mary Cooksey, and Seminole Nation Principal Chief Jerry Haney are pictured at the Inter-tribal Council of The Five Civilized Tribes April 8. The meeting, hosted by the Muscogee Nation, marked the first official meeting of the Inter-tribal council held at the Creek Council House.

National Council override attempt falls short on wage and salary veto

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation employee wage and salary guide remains in effect as a result of action at the April 30 regular session of the National Council.

The 36-member tribal legislature's attempt to override an executive veto fell two votes shy — 22 of the required 24 votes.

The tribal employee wage and salary guideline was implemented by executive order in February. The new guideline restructures the wages for tribal employees comparable to local and area markets. Approximately 36 tribal employees had their salaries reduced — some were reduced as much as \$9,000.

Several Council representatives took issue with the move. At a March 18 special session, the Council approved an ordinance that attempted to rescind the policy.

Procedural errors made during the special session resulted in the approved bill being pulled and reconsidered at the March regular session.

Principal Chief Bill Fife vetoed the bill in April. In his veto message to the Council, wrote:

- the chief has the constitutional authority to establish a wage and salary system;
- the Constitution authorizes the chief to create and organize the executive office;
- the legislation attempted to violate the separation of powers between the executive and legislative branches of government; and
- tribal citizens and employees want a fair wage and salary policy.

"Only after extensive study and review did I approve the wages and salaries we pay administration employees," Fife wrote. "Even though this is not a popular decision at this time, I believe as time passes and the facts are known, this decision, which [affects] less than one percent of the employees, will benefit the tribe as a whole."

Okmulgee District representative David Lewis urged a veto override.

"The chief got everything he asked for in the 1994 comprehensive budget," Lewis said. "These changes were made without any consultation of the National Council."

Voting for the override were: **Duke Harjo, Leah Jack, and Phyllis Warrington**, Creek District; **Thomas Yahola**, Hughes-Seminole District; **Wilbur Gouge and Sandy McIntosh**, McIntosh District; **Frances Pease**, Muskogee District; **Mae Jackson, Clyde Johnson, and Wynema Roberts**, Okfuskee

District; **A.D. Ellis, Anderson Hale, Jim Harjo, Dave Lewis, Charlie Litsey, Peggy Lyda, and David Nichols**, Okmulgee District; **Perry Beaver, Irene Cleghorn, Jesse Kelley, and Edwin Moore**, Tulsa District; and **Barbara Gillespie**, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes District.

Voting against the override were: **Earl Wheeler**, Creek District; **Darrell Coachman, Tim Fife, and Dwayne Lowe**, Hughes-Seminole District; **Thomas McIntosh**, McIntosh District; **Bruce Smith**, Okfuskee District; **Earl King**,

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The May meeting dates of the National Council are:

- May 17 — planning session, 6:30 p.m.
- May 21 — regular session, 9 a.m.

Both meetings are at the tribal capitol complex, Okmulgee.

Program briefs

Attorney general opinions available

OKMULGEE — Copies of Muscogee (Creek) Nation Attorney General opinions are available for \$6. The softbound editions contain the department of justice opinions issued in 1992. For more information, contact the attorney general's office at: P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447 or call (918) 756-8700, ext. 301.

Public auction cancelled

OKMULGEE — The May 20 Muscogee Nation surplus property auction has been cancelled. All items that were to be included in the auction have been claimed by tribal communities, ceremonial grounds, churches, and citizens, said Leonard Waggoner, governmental services administrator.

Housing employee honored

RENO, Nev. — Anna Hancock has been recognized by the National American Indian Housing Council for 19 years of service to Indian housing at its annual convention in Reno.

Hancock has been employed with the Creek Nation Housing Authority for 19 years. She began as a secretary and is now the deputy director.

"Ann's knowledge and expertise in Indian housing is vast and is invaluable to the rest of the staff," said Joe Jackson, CNHA executive director.



Hancock

"She has played a pivotal role in the successful operation of the housing authority throughout the course of her tenure.

"She is liked and well-respected by all who work with her. She is an integral part of the housing authority. She is very committed to the betterment of housing opportunities for Native Americans," Jackson said.

Family services available for programs

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Children and Family Services Administration Child Abuse Prevention Education Program is offering community outreach programs on a variety of contemporary family issues.

Presentations are available on drug and alcohol abuse prevention, teen pregnancy education, anger management, child abuse prevention, communication skills, and drug and alcohol counseling.

For more information, contact George Cosar, Don Cahwee, or Irene Culley at (918) 756-2112.



photo by Steve Hall

Tribal employee Maxine Watashe accepts congratulations from Valeria Littlecreek, tribal human development director, for completing a continuing education course. Pictured from left to right are: Dr. Marvin Keener, Oklahoma State University Interim President; Dr. Robert Klabenes, OSU-Okmulgee Provost; Littlecreek; Dr. Pete Cosar, Muscogee Nation planning department; and Watashe.

Housing rehabilitation program progressing

OKMULGEE — The Creek Nation Housing Authority rehabilitation comprehensive grant program begins its second year, said Joe Jackson, CNHA executive director.

The federal program is designed to remodel eligible older homes in the mutual home owners' program. Program participants must be current with their housing payments before work can begin.

"We are very happy to have a program such as the comp grant," Jackson said. It enables us to help those whose homes are oldest and in need of the most repair who might not be able to afford it otherwise."

The rehabilitation of older homes is part of a five-year program funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and administered by the housing authority.

"All the effort and hard work that the staff put into the application and receiving of this grant, as well as the work the comprehensive grant program staff has done, to carry out the program since implementation, is all worthwhile when you can provide someone with a freshly remodeled home," said Kenneth Childers, chair of the housing authority board of commissioners.

"The appreciation the homebuyers have shown is the best reward we



Those involved with the home rehabilitation project met with Yannah Haynes after her home was remodeled. Front row, left to right are: Steve McKay, contractor; Haynes; and Glen Brown, housing inspector. Back row: Joe Jackson, executive director; Eugene Haynes, homeowner; Geri Berryhill, rehabilitation program director; and Eugene Thomas Jr., program coordinator.

could get."

Program participant Yannah Haynes whose home was remodeled recently, said her prayers were answered. "I always prayed that my home could be repaired and now those prayers have been answered."

Work through the comprehensive grant program is done according to a five-year master plan schedule (the schedule appeared in the March edition of *The Muscogee Nation News*). Questions about the program should be directed to Geri Berryhill, program manager, at: 1 (800) 259-5050 or (918) 756-8504.



The Haynes' home after rehabilitation.

Mvskoke students excel academically

Creek to receive law degree

LOS ANGELES — Kalieh Rie Honish will graduate from the University of California at Los Angeles law school in May.

She received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of California at Berkley in 1991.

She is the daughter of Frank and Pamela Wiley Honish of Montebello, Calif. Her grandparents are Adam and Marie Wood Wiley, originally of Oklahoma. Great-grandparents are the late Adam and Melissa Wiley.



Honish

Creek receives paralegal training

OKLAHOMA CITY — Rhonda Walker Cox graduated from the Oklahoma City University Legal Assistant Program with an award for the highest grade in the program.

She is the daughter of Mickey Kroll and the great granddaughter of Clarinda Doyle York.



Cox

Mvskoke completes legal training

OKLAHOMA CITY — Diane Lewis Jobe graduated from the Oklahoma City University Legal Assistant Program in March.

Of 25 graduates, she was one of three that were honored for scholastic achievement.

She is the tribal planner for the Iowa Tribe, Perkins. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration-management. Credits earned from the program have enabled her to pursue a bachelor of science degree in legal studies; she is to be conferred in December.

She and her husband, Noble, and daughters, Richay and Gloria, reside in Perkins. She is the daughter of Lillie and National Council Representative David Lewis of Henryetta.



Jobe

Senior named all-state guard

CHICKASHA — Tribal member Ashley McLain was recently named an all-state guard by the Oklahoma Coaches Association.

The five foot, 11 inch student is a senior guard and co-captain for the Amber-Pocasset Lady Panthers. She will participate in the all-state games to be held in June at Phillips University in Enid.

She is an honor student with a 3.6 grade point average.

After graduating in May, she plans to attend college and pursue a career in physical therapy.

She is actively involved in and a member of the following: National Honor Society; science club; German club; pep club; academic team; math club; Future Homemakers of America; Spanish club; and Association of Christian Athletes. She has received the following honors and awards: Grady County All-Conference, 1992-93, 1993-94; Grady County All-Conference Defensive Player of the Year 1993-94; Grady County All-Tournament Team, 1992-93, 1993-94; Who's Who Among High School Students, 1990-94; All American Scholar — at large division and science merit; and Presidential Academic Fitness, 1991.

She is the daughter of Suzanne Chaney of Chickasha. Her grandparents are Jack and Barbara Chaney of Pryor. McLain is the great-granddaughter of the late Dora Colbert Chaney.



McLain

Preston student named to who's who

PRESTON — Brian On-The-Hill, a freshman at a Preston High School, has been named to Who's Who Among American High School students and will be included in their 1994 catalogue.

On-The-Hill placed recently in three scholastic meets. He placed first in business math at Oklahoma State University—Oklmulgee. He placed second in Oklahoma history and fifth in world history at Connors State College, Warner. He received a plaque and \$600

scholarship for his efforts at OSU and a medal for his second place finish at Connors. He is the son of Levi and Debbie On-The-Hill of Natura.



On-The-Hill

Creek named number one rebounder

OKLAHOMA CITY — *The Daily Oklahoman* recently listed Little Axe sophomore Theda Roulston as number one rebounder and number 10 in scoring.

She was also listed as an alternate to the all-state team. Roulston was recognized as an all-conference player from her school. She was selected to be listed in who's who in sports. Roulston is also active in track.

She is the daughter of Joammie Walker of Newalla and Tony Roulston of Sasakwa. She is the granddaughter of Rev. Alex Burgess and the late Joan Burgess of Wolf.



Roulston

Oktaha student named to honor society

OKTAHA — Crystal Gayle Cragg, a seventh-grade student at Oktaha Junior High, has been named to the Oklahoma Honor Society.

She is the secretary of her seventh-grade class and recently made the cheerleading team. She is also active in band, where she has held first chair as a flutist.

She is the daughter of Robert and Wynema Cragg of Oktaha.



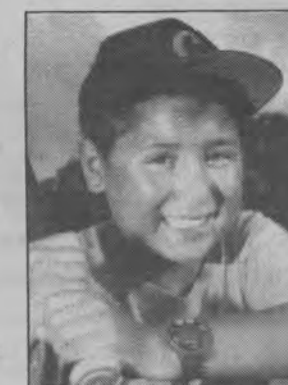
Cragg

Student named to honor roll

TULSA — Choteau Elementary School fifth-grade student Abram Yahv Simmers was named to the honor roll recently.

The 10-year-old played centerfield for the Cougars last season.

His favorite team is the L.A. Dodgers. He is the son of the late Abraham Simmers. He is the great nephew of original allottee Polly Homma of Okmulgee.



Simmers

Births, birthdays, and tribal art shows

Hinhan-Ska Hoksila Haney

TULSA — Hinhan-Ska Hoksila Haney celebrated his seventh birthday on Feb. 26 with several friends and relatives at Celebration Station.

He is the son of Cheri and Michael Haney. Maternal grandparents are Pauline Haney, Glenpool, and the late Charles L. Sherrell. Paternal grandparents are Evelyn Brave and Norman P. Haney Sr. of McLoud.



Haney

Nathaniel Scott Reese Herrod

TECUMSEH — Nathaniel Scott Reese Herrod celebrated his first birthday on April 22.

He is the son of Tina Herrod. His maternal grandparents are Charles and Minnie Mitchell of Tecumseh. Maternal great-grandparents are Louise and the late Robert Herrod of Calvin.



Herrod

Joseph Tiger

KELLYVILLE — Joseph "Nick" Tiger celebrated his first birthday April 30 with a party at his great-grandmother's home.

He is the son of Sherry and James Tiger. His grandmother is Judy Bruner. His great-grandparents are Lorene and Joe Brown.



Tiger

Nancy Leigh Deere Turney

BEMIDJI, Minn. — Nancy Leigh Deere Turney was born March 17 at North County Regional Hospital to Lesah Deere and Leroy Turney of Walker, Minn. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches in length at birth.

Turney is of Muscogee-Objibwa-Menominee descent. She belongs to the Bear Clan and Nuyaka Ceremonial Ground. Maternal grandparents are Edna Gouge Bear, Mason, and the late Phillip Deere, Okemah. Paternal grandparents are the late Pearl Graves Turney, Red Lake, Minn. and Marvin Turney, Lake Zurich, Ill.

Bristow Indian Community

BRISTOW — Creek artist Mike Bear won best of show at Bristow Indian Community's Spring Art Show.

Bear won in the three dimensional category with a beaded staff and medicine wheel.

Wetumka Indian Community

WETUMKA — Wetumka Indian Community's Finance Committee will be sponsoring an arts and crafts sale on May 14.

The community center is located at 608 N. Creek.

Creek Council House Museum

OKMULGEE — Creek Council House Museum has opened its spring exhibit with a display of southeastern Indian baskets.

Baskets on display include pieces from the museum's permanent collection. Among them is three Creek baskets made by Mary Thames.

Also on display is the artwork of Creek artist Jon Tiger. His artwork is done in pencil, watercolor, acrylic, and woodburning. The subjects of the artwork Tiger has chosen to display in the spring collection relates to Muscogee history and legend.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call (918) 756-2324.

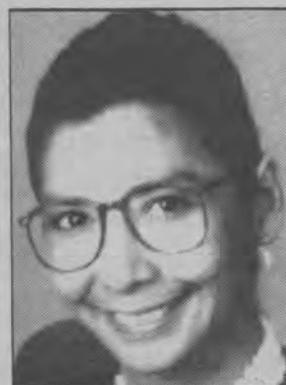
Cindy Goodrich

SANTA FE, N.M. — Muscogee citizen Cindy Goodrich has opened Accent Interactive Media, providing multimedia presentations for business information and other needs.

Interactive media combines video, audio, graphics, and three-dimensional animation for presentations. Services include customer information touchscreen kiosks and on-screen interactive computer presentations for trade show displays, employee orientation-training programs, sales demonstrations as well as computer graphic designs and color printing.

Goodrich is the daughter of Wanda Morrison of Irvine, Calif., and the granddaughter of Hepsey Gilroy of Wilson.

For more information, contact Goodrich at: (505) 474-0880 or write Accent Interactive Media, 2801 Rodeo Road Suite B772, Santa Fe, NM, 87505.



Goodrich

Head Start graduations

OKMULGEE — Creek Nation Head Start will have graduation exercises for each of its centers in May. The following are the times, dates, and locations for each center.

Yeager — 6:30 p.m., May 10 at the Head Start Center

Okmulgee — 6:30 p.m., May 11 at the tribal capitol complex independent agencies (mound) auditorium

Sapulpa — 2 p.m., May 12 at Central Vo-Tech, 1720 S. Main

Eufaula — 7 p.m., May 12 at Eufaula Indian Community Bingo, 800 Forest Ave.

Applications for the Creek Nation Head Start 1994 fall term are being accepted now. For more information, call the Okmulgee center at: (918) 758-1420.

Reunions

Chillico classmates sought for reunion

MIDWEST CITY — Chillico Indian School students of classes 1959 and 1960 are being sought for the annual Chillico reunion.

It will be held June 9 through 12 at the Radisson Inn in Oklahoma City.

For more information, contact Pauline Marshall Levi at (405) 737-0174 or Betty J. Brown Jones at (405) 392-5536, after 6 p.m.

Smith family reunion

DUSTIN — The 11th Annual Smith Family Reunion will begin at 9 a.m. May 28 at the Bill Smith residence. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish. The Smith residence is located three miles from Middle Creek Baptist Church and across from the Carson Cemetery. For more information, contact Diana Grayson at: P.O. Box 4, Stillwell, OK 74960.

Student graduates from Head Start

HOLDENVILLE — Five-year-old Creek-Seminole student Christopher Zane Scott recently graduated from Twin Rivers Head Start.

He will enter kindergarten in the fall.

He is the son of Sarah Scott. His grandparents are Linda Scott, Holdenville, and Charlene and Louis Scott Sr. of El Reno. Great-grandparents are: Sarah and the late Mose Joshua, Holdenville; Betsy and the late Joseph Factor, Okmulgee; and Dora and Eugene Birdcreek, Weleetka.



Scott

Employment opportunities nationwide

Community corps applications available

ABERDEEN, Md. — The National Civilian Community Corps is accepting applications for its 11-month and eight-week service programs. The NCCC is a residential national service program that provides young Americans an opportunity to conduct urban and rural service projects that improve communities. The 11-month program is for young adults ages 18 to 24 and the eight-week program is for youth ages 14 to 17. Corps members receive lodging, meals, and uniforms while in the program. Additionally, corps members earn an \$8,000 living allowance for their service plus a \$4,725 education award.

The Muscogee Nation community development office has applications available. Contact Steve Landsberry at: (918) 756-8700, or write P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Indian park recruiting for summer

CHOCTAW — American Indian Villages is accepting applications for full and part-time employment in the educational living history villages. The villages will represent five regional tribal groups. The villages will be staffed with Indians dressed in period clothing and demonstrating period activities. Job openings for guest service duties, cultural presenters, and support services are available. American Indian Villages is a pri-

vate Indian-owned corporation. For more information, call: (405) 390-1000 or write P.O. Box 1659, North Harper Road, Choctaw, OK 73020.

Indian advisory council seeks director

WASHINGTON — The National Advisory Council on Indian Education is seeking a director for its office of Indian education. The position is responsible for financial assistance programs management under the Indian Education Act. For more information, contact Eunice Williams at (202) 401-0546.

Muscogee author releases thriller

TULSA — Muscogee author Donna Powders will have an autograph party for her book "Twisted Concepts" from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 14 at Steve's Sundries and Books, 2612 S. Harvard.

"Twisted Concepts" is a psychological thriller published by Northwest Publishing, Inc.

Powders has had numerous articles published in newspapers and magazines. An earlier book, "A Man of Few Words" was released by Dynasty Inc.

Powders and her husband, Al, have been married 33 years. They have two sons and four grandchildren. Powders suffered a severe aneurysm recently and is trying to get on with her life, said a family member. "She would like to thank all of those that have prayed for her during her recovery." The public is invited.

State briefs

Institute assists Indian businesses

NORMAN — The Tribal Government Institute announced it assisted Indian-owned businesses to secure more than \$5.5 million in federal contracts for the second quarter of fiscal year 1994.

The institute operates a procurement technical assistance program to enable Indian tribes and Indian-owned businesses to market their products or services to the federal government. The institute also offers workshops and training conferences for Indian entrepreneurs to assist them with government contracting.

Its services are free. Any Indian-owned firm interested in marketing to the federal government can contact TGI at (405) 329-5542.

Corrections volunteers sought

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Oklahoma Department of Corrections is seeking volunteers to fill agency needs with an emphasis on para-professionals. There is also a need for professional consultants and services such as wellness and employee counseling.

For more information, contact Bill Yeager at (405) 425-2782.

Conferences around Indian country

Reorganization task force to meet

OKLAHOMA CITY — The joint tribal-Bureau of Indian Affairs and the U.S. Department of Interior advisory task force for reorganization will be May 24 through 26 at the Century Sheraton Hotel Downtown.

The BIA reorganization task force will hear public comments on those dates, said Muscogee Nation Chief Bill Fife. Fife is also a task force member.

"This is a very important meeting for tribal governments and the Indian people of Oklahoma," Fife said. "It will give the people an opportunity to see the task force and it will allow time for public comment for those wanting to address the task force."

Fife said this is the last opportunity for many from this region to have input into the final recommendations that this task force will present to Congress.

National AIDS conference set for Tulsa

TULSA — The Tulsa Chapter of the American Red Cross is sponsoring a national American Indian HIV-AIDS conference June 5 through 8 at Southern Hills Marriot.

Muscogee citizen Donna Rhodes, minority

program coordinator for the Tulsa chapter of the American Red Cross, said this is the first time the organization has sponsored a national Indian conference.

Rhodes also said the Tulsa chapter will present its "decision to survive course" that is culturally specific and designed for Indians for the prevention of HIV-AIDS at the conference.

Topics to be discussed include:

- food preparation for HIV-positive clients;
- preparing traditional Indian foods with an emphasis on nutrition;
- puppet construction and presentation for children's education;
- traditional culture and spirituality; and
- a meeting of Indian medicine men and modern physicians.

Other activities include a traditional Indian feast June 6 and a pow wow June 7.

Among the conference supporters are: Glenpool Creek Indian Community; Muscogee (Creek) Nation Gaming Operations Authority Board; and the Muscogee Nation's Muskogee, Okmulgee, and Tulsa bingo halls.

Cost of the conference is \$100 at the door. For more information, contact Rhodes at (918) 831-1106.

Indian scouting conference set for July

ADA — The American Indian Scouting Association will hold its 37th annual seminar for youth and adults at East Central University July 23 through 27 in Ada. The Chickasaw Nation is the host tribe.

Participants will include Indian and non-Indian youth — ages 12 through 17 — and adults. The purpose of the seminar is to explore strategies for youth development and improvement in the quality of life in Indian communities through scouting programs and services.

The association is a collaboration between Indian tribal leaders, educators, the Boy Scouts of America, and Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

Fees for the seminar are \$118 for adults and \$108 for youth. Registrations accepted after June 10 will cost \$20 more. The fee includes room and board. Funds are available for youth scholarship grants based on demonstrated financial need.

For more information, contact Charlotte Barker at: 109 Tam-O-Shanter Drive, Blythewood, SC 29016; Conrad Fruehan, 1325 Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015; or Rita Niemeyer, 420 Fifth Ave. 16th Floor, New York, NY 10018.

Religion briefs

Full Gospel Revival Center

HOLDENVILLE — Full Gospel Revival Center is holding a special service at 7 p.m., May 14.

The service is for the ordination of Eastman Factor.

It will be held at Holdenville Indian Community Center, 416 E. Poplar.

The pastor is Rev. Alex Lowe. For more information, call (918) 341-1447.

Haikey Chapel

TULSA — A meeting regarding the future of Haikey Chapel United Methodist Church will be held at 10 a.m., May 14.

The church is located at 101st Street and Memorial Drive. Newman Frank Sr. is the pastor. For more information, call (918) 486-2492.

Arbeka United Methodist

WEWOKA — Arbeka United Methodist Church is holding a Creek singing at 2 p.m., May 15. Masters of ceremonies are Johnny and Mary Emarthle.

The church will be hosting a Northeast District youth rally at 10 a.m., May 21.

From Interstate 40 take the Wewoka exit north and drive four miles to the Okfuskee-Seminole county line. Drive north one mile and west one-quarter of a mile. The church is located on the north side of the road.

Middle Creek Baptist No. 1

LAMAR — Middle Creek Baptist Church No. 1 is holding revival services May 18 through 21.

Services begin at 7:30 nightly. Rev. George Harjocee is the guest evangelist.

May 22 is the church's third Sunday.

The 125th birthday of the church will be celebrated July 3. Sunday school, worship services, lunch, and a reading of the church history entail some of the day's activities. A gospel singing will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Buck family will serve as masters of ceremonies. Those attending should bring a covered dish and lawn chairs.

Middle Creek No. 1 is located five miles north of Lamar off state highway 9.

Pecan Grove Methodist

HOLDENVILLE — Pecan Grove Methodist Church is hosting a gospel singing at 7 p.m., May 21.

The singing is a benefit for Full Gospel Revival Center. Rev. Eastman Factor will be the master of ceremonies. Rev. Alex Lowe is the evangelist. Special prayer for the sick will be held. Those attending should bring lawn chairs. All singing groups are encouraged to attend.

From Interstate 40 take the Wewoka exit north

Mary Sue Peak, a member of Indian Fellowship Baptist Church, distributes Easter baskets at the church's Easter egg fellowship April 2 at Chandler Park in Tulsa. Pictured are front row, left to right: Leah Fields (back to camera); Jacob Bigpond; Peak; Joshua Breshears; and Marty Bigpond. Back row: Lucille Tiger; Naomi Wamego; and John Freeman.



photo by Brenda Estes

From Holdenville, the church is located three miles north on state highway 48, two miles east, and one-half of a mile south.

For more information, contact Factor at: (405) 787-4175; Lowe at: (918) 341-1447; and Rev. Macolm Tiger at: (405) 379-6200.

Butler Creek Baptist

OKTAHA — Butler Creek Baptist Church is holding a gospel singing at 7 p.m., May 27.

The master of ceremonies is Curtis Kinney.

The church is located three miles east of Oktaha and old U.S. Highway 69.

Springfield Cemetery

OKEMAH — A clean-up day for Springfield Cemetery has been scheduled on May 28.

Dinner will be served to volunteers. The cemetery is located two miles south of Interstate 40 on state highway 27, four miles east, and two miles south.

Wekiwa Baptist

SAND SPRINGS — Wekiwa Baptist Church is holding revival services June 1 through 3.

Services begin at 7:30 nightly. Rev. Thompson Gouge is the guest evangelist.

The church will hold vacation bible school June 13 through 17.

To get to the church, drive west of Sand Springs on U.S. Highway 412 and turn at the 177th West Avenue exit. From the stop sign, drive two miles east on Wekiwa Road. The church is located on the south side of the road.

For more information, contact Louise Wisdom at (918) 834-9776.

Thewarley United Methodist

HOLDENVILLE — Thewarley Methodist Church held a youth revival in April.

Speakers were: John Carpenter, Idabel; Randy Lynch, Tulsa; and Sonny Harjo, Oklahoma City.

District board of ordained ministry

OKMULGEE — The Northeast District Board of Ordained Ministry held a retirement dinner for Rev. Earl Dunson in April.

Rev. Dunson served in the ministry for 24 years. He served an appointment in the Northwest District, as well as Pickett Chapel and Witt Memorial. He and his wife, Lucille, reside in Glenpool.

The keynote speaker was Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference superintendent Tom Roughface. Around 50 people attended the dinner, said board member Rev. Taylor Harjo.



Dunson

Snake Creek Baptist

BIXBY — A fifth Sunday singing service will be held at 1:30 p.m. May 29.

The church's annual singing service is June 25. Dinner will be served from 5 to 6:30 p.m. All singers and groups are welcome. The church is located at 215th Street South and Mingo.

Festival gospel singing

OKMULGEE — Gospel singing returns to the Creek Nation festival June 17 and 18 at the tribal capitol complex independent agencies (mound) auditorium. Singing begins at 7 p.m. both nights. Among the groups committed to perform are: the Ada Harmonettes; the Psalms Trio; and the Adair Family. For more information, contact Jess Scott at (405) 786-2004.

Correction

Indian Fellowship Baptist Church is located at 6130 S. 58th W. Ave near the Turner Turnpike Tulsa exit. The address was reported incorrectly in the April edition of *The MNN*.

Muscogee Nation obituaries

ATLEY BOB BEAR

MASON — Funeral services for Atley Bob Bear were held April 9 at Buckeye Baptist Church.

He was born March 27, 1943 to Lonnie and Annie Coker Bear. Bear died April 5 at Okmulgee Memorial Hospital.

A laborer, he married Susanna Deeringwater in 1974. Bear was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Survivors include: his mother of Okemah; his wife of the home; three sons, Dale Bear of Bartlesville, Mike Bear of Okmulgee, and Gaylan Bear of Kellyville; four daughters, Lonnaetta Bear, Mary Bear, and Dana Bear, all of Clewiston, Fla., and Diana Barker of Okemah; a sister, Pat Noon of Okemah; three brothers, Lon Bear, Clifford Bear, and Ashley Bear of Okemah; and nine grandchildren.

Interment was in the New Hicks Family Cemetery.

FOSTER ERNEST FARRAR

HENRYETTA — Funeral services for Foster Ernest "Dink" Farrar were held April 1 at the Robert Simons Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jack Vance officiating.

Farrar was born Aug. 3, 1917 to Ernest and Dora Greg Farrar. He died March 30 at Henryetta Medical Center.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, Farrar served in World War II. He was a retired welder.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; and three brothers, Elmer, Everett, and Cecil Williams.

He is survived by: two brothers, M.B. Williams of Henryetta, and George Farrar of Hobbs, N.M.; two sisters, Geraldine Rounsaville of Wichita Falls, Texas, and Velma Kramer of Bomont, Calif.; several nieces; and nephews.

Pallbearers were: Bill Jones; Jack Wallace; Randy Williams; Bob Rounsaville; Chris Jones; and Bernie Simons.

Interment was in the Westlawn Cemetery.

EZIEL JOHN HARJO

HENRYETTA — Funeral services for Eziel John Harjo were held April 1 at the Simons Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bunny Hill officiating.

Harjo was born Sept. 12, 1933 to George and Lillie Simmer Harjo at Henryetta. He died March 29 at his home.

Harjo was a member of Yardeka Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; and a brother, Eugene Hillis Harjo.

Pallbearers were: Kenneth Tiger; George Tiger; Mathew Tiger; Dean Tiger; Claudie Fields; and Roley Fry.

Interment was in the Harjo Family Cemetery.

LOVANA JACKSON

MORRIS — Funeral services for Lovana Jackson were held April 7 at Big Cussetah United Methodist Church with Revs. Jerry Byrd and Willie Gooden officiating.

Jackson was born March 1, 1925 to Simon and Selina Mitchell Jackson. She died April 3 at Tulsa Regional Medical Center.

She was a member of Big Cussetah United Methodist Church.

Jackson was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by: a daughter, Della Marie; nieces; nephews; and friends.

Interment was in the Big Cussetah Cemetery.

LUCINDA ALLEN JOHNSON

BRISTOW — Funeral mass for Lucinda Allen Johnson was held April 4 at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Johnson was born July 21, 1894 in Indian Territory. She died March 31 in Bristow.

A Euchee allottee, Johnson lived on her allotment near Bristow. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and a retired farmer-rancher. Johnson also taught school on the Mescalero-Apache reservation in New Mexico.

May 18, 1992 was proclaimed Lucinda Allen Johnson Day by Oklahoma Gov. David Walters. Her ranch was designated as a centennial ranch for being one of the oldest operating ranches in Oklahoma.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Gus Johnson; and two sons, Lucian Tiger and Alvin Johnson.

Survivors include: a daughter, Majel Frye of Kellyville; two sisters, Ella Burgess of Oklahoma City, and Ann Coppinger of Bristow; three grandchildren, Muscogee Nation Supreme Court Justice Ed Frye of Bristow, Majel Lu Stevenson of Tulsa, and Sonny Tiger of Kellyville; eight great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Interment was in the Allen Family Cemetery.

MARY RUTH MARTIN

SAPULPA — Mary Ruth Martin was interred at Green Hills Veterans Mausoleum April 10.

She was born March 3, 1927 at Wetumka. She died April 8.

Survivors include: her husband, William Glen Martin of the home; her father, Bunnie Manley of Oologah; two sons, Joseph and Michael Bear, both of Tulsa; a daughter, Ruby Buckman of San Francisco; three sisters, Bunny Manley of Jenks, Judy Peck of Tulsa, and Tommie Jean Nickell of Hazelgreen, Ky.; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

ABRAHAM SIMMERS

OKMULGEE — Funeral services for Abraham Simmers were held April 2 at Newtown United Methodist Church with Revs. Jerry Baker and Mike Harjo officiating.

Simmers was born April 3, 1921 to Sam and Sarah Miller Simmers. He died March 30 at Creek Nation Community Hospital.

He was a retired construction worker and a member of Newtown United Methodist Church. Simmers was a decorated veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II. He married Nevada Williams in 1942.

He was preceded in death by: a brother, David Powell; and two sisters, Pauline Grayson, and Bernice Hicks.

Survivors include: two sons, Sam Simmers of Okmulgee, and Abraham Simmers of Tulsa; two

daughters, Lois Hicks of Okmulgee, and Abby Simmers of Tulsa; one brother, Curtis Simmers of Bristow; three sisters, Ester Van Woudenberg, Rebecca Autabo, and Pricilla Kabeah, all of Okmulgee; and a grandson.

Pallbearers were: Rusty Powell; Butch Powell; Charlie Hicks; Tobias Simmers Jr.; Kabeah Bear; and Giant Bear.

Interment was in the Miller Memorial Cemetery.

CHARLENE WATASHE

BRYANT — Funeral services for Charlene Watashe were held March 24 at Arbeka Baptist Church with Revs. John Lowe and Robert Washington officiating.

Watashe was born Jan. 26, 1954 at Oklahoma City. She died March 21 at McAlester General Hospital.

Watashe was a homemaker and a member of Arbeka Baptist Church. She married Richard Watashe in 1971.

Survivors include: her husband of the home; her father, Charlie Cosar of Seminole; five daughters, Erin, Renae, Sophroma, Cynthia, and Athena Watashe, all of Glenpool; a brother, Freeland Butch Powell of Tulsa; a sister, Rita Anderson of Tulsa; and two grandchildren.

Interment was in the Arbeka Cemetery.

HAZEL JEAN TOMLIN WHITE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Funeral services for Hazel Jean Tomlin White were held March 26 at Jones and Sons Funeral Chapel with Rev. Chiffie Tomlin officiating.

White was born Jan. 20, 1921 to Paul and Mary Tomlin at Beggs. She died March 23.

She was a member of Salem Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kan. and was married to Earnest White.

She was preceded in death by: her husband; and a daughter, Brenda.

White is survived by: three daughters, Wanda White and Ernestine King, both of Kansas City, Mo., and Derline Harris of the home; two brothers, Jack Tomlin of Kansas City, Kan., and Richard Tomlin of Oklahoma City; four nieces; one nephew; 15 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; other relatives; and friends.

Pallbearers were: Ricky Harris; Edwin Harris; Christopher Harris; Lawrence Clay; Carl Agee; and Louis Jackson.

Interment was in the Longview Cemetery.

Gratitude

Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended their condolences during our time of sorrow. The family appreciates everything that was done for them. We cannot thank you enough for the prayers, food, beautiful plants, and flowers that were sent.

Thanks to: the members of Tekopuchee Church; Creek Nation; Thlopthlocco Tribal Town; Williamson Funeral Home (for the services and kindness); and to many others. May God bless each of you richly. Special thanks to Berryhill's Quartet for the beautiful songs and to Alan Yargee who stayed with us through our ordeal at the hospital.

Joseph Tiger was a wonderful husband, grandfather, father, uncle, and brother.

Joseph S. Tiger family

Tribe culminates hospital week with health fair

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- health information — patient charts;
- infection control — food borne illnesses, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS);
- nursing — the admission process, outpatient-ambulatory care;
- nursing laboratory — cholesterol, blood sugar, and blood pressure checks;
- public health nursing — immunizations for children;
- radiology — special diagnostic tests performed at Creek Nation Community Hospital; and
- respiratory — relief for asthmatic children and respiratory equipment.

Other event dates are:

May 9

- 10:30 a.m. — breast self-examination seminar;
- 2 p.m. — pharmaceutical representatives trade show;
- 6 p.m. — Hanta virus seminar;

May 11

- 6 p.m. — domestic violence seminar;

May 12

- 10:30 a.m. — asthma seminar;

- 2 p.m. — home health providers trade show;
- 6 p.m. — Creek Nation Community Hospital softball game;

May 13

- 9 a.m. — outpatient speciality clinics;
- 11 a.m. — EMS presentation;

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with 29 tribes represented. The attendance was very good and because of the rainy weather, it was held at Covelle Hall on the campus of Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee.

The rest of the five tribes sponsor their pow wows and I find it hard to believe the Creek Nation is no longer able to finance their's. Chief Fife said we would be compensated for our hard work last year. I want to say thank you for the "thank you."

Okema Randall, Broken Arrow

Editor's note: The Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo Committee is appointed by the chief and confirmed by the tribal Council. Committee members are volunteers and do not receive compensation.

Most often, festival work is a thankless job requiring the efforts of many people willing to make per-

- 1 p.m. — physicians assistants presentation; and
- 4 p.m. — fitness for mall walkers;

All seminars will be held in the hospital lobby. Trade shows will be set up in the hospital cafeteria hallway. For more information, contact Terri McElyea, R.N., at (918) 623-1424.

sonal sacrifices to have a successful event.

Though pow wows are not an inherent part of Muscogee culture, the committee nonetheless, financed the 1993 pow wow and will sponsor the 1994 pow wow, July 29 through 31, at the omniplex in Okmulgee. Don Beaver is the event coordinator.

Councilman offers thanks

Editor:

I would like to express my thanks to all of the Creek and Yuchi citizens for the support I received during my campaign for National Council. Again, thank you all here at home and also to the absentee citizens across the nation. I am very sorry not to have had my letter printed sooner.

David D. Nichols (Harjo), Okmulgee

Editor's note: Nichols is serving his first term as an Okmulgee District representative.

National Council voids health director and attorney contracts

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Tulsa District; and **Richard Berryhill**, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes District.

Absent from the meeting were: **Tommy Newton**, McIntosh District; **Helen Chupco** and **Charlie Coker**, Muskogee District; and **Larry Bible**, Tulsa District.

Speaker **Steve Bruner** did not vote.

In other business, the Council:

— approved unanimously (31-0), to appropriate \$20,000 from fiscal year 1994 bingo revenues for church repair;

— approved unanimously (31-0), to appropriate \$15,000 from the permanent fund account for 15 ceremonial grounds (\$1,000 for each ground) to defray expenses during Green Corn season;

— returned to committee (19-12) a bill modifying the reimbursement procedures and amounts for the judicial branch. Those voting to return the bill to committee were: **Harjo**, **Jack**, **Warrington**, and **Wheeler**, Creek Dist.; **Coachman**, **Fife**, and **Yahola**, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; **S. McIntosh**, **T. McIntosh**, and **Townsend**, McIntosh Dist.; **Pease**, Muskogee Dist.; **Johnson** and **Smith**, Okfuskee Dist.; **Lewis**, Okmulgee Dist.; **Beaver**, **King**, and **Moore**, Tulsa Dist.; and **Berryhill** and **Gillespie**, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes Dist.;

— approved (27-4) the repeal of NCA 93-14, confirming Ed Mouss as health administration director, and voiding a contract between Mouss and the tribe. The bill's sponsor, **Roberts**, Okfuskee Dist., told the Council that there were discrepancies in the contract approved by the Council and the contract entered into by Mouss and the Principal Chief. **Roberts** said she

wanted the contract renegotiated and to remain consistent with the Council-approved agreement. Voting to rescind the contract were: **Harjo**, **Jack**, **Warrington**, and **Wheeler**, Creek Dist.; **Yahola**, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; **Gouge**, **S. McIntosh**, **T. McIntosh**, and **Townsend**, McIntosh Dist.; **Pease**, Muskogee Dist.; **Jackson**, **Johnson**, and **Roberts**, Okfuskee Dist.; **Ellis**, **Hale**, **Harjo**, **Lewis**, **Litsey**, **Lyda**, and **Nichols**, Okmulgee Dist.; **Beaver**, **Cleghorn**, **Kelley**, **King**, and **Moore**, Tulsa Dist.; and **Berryhill** and **Gillespie**, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes Dist.;

— returned to committee (17-14) a resolution requesting the Bureau of Indian Affairs Muskogee Area Office to reorganize into a technical service center. The resolution was returned because the author, **Chupco**, was not present. Voting to return were: **Jack**, Creek Dist.; **Fife**, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; **Gouge**, **T. McIntosh**, and **Townsend**, McIntosh Dist.; **Pease**, Muskogee Dist.; **Jackson**, **Johnson**, **Roberts**, and **Smith**, Okfuskee Dist.; **Hale**, **Harjo**, **Lewis**, **Litsey**, **Lyda**, and **Nichols**, Okmulgee Dist.; and **Cleghorn**, Tulsa Dist.;

— approved unanimously (31-0) to appropriate \$371 for **Mysti Littlehead** and her parents to attend the national Indian deaf conference in Oklahoma City;

— approved 28-2, a resolution repealing the Council's attorney contract with **Sperry** attorney **Charles Tripp**. Voting against the resolution were: **Wheeler**, Creek Dist.; and **Lowe**, Hughes-Seminole Dist. **Jackson**, Okfuskee Dist., did not vote;

— approved 29-1, an authorization for the principal chief to enter a foster care agreement with the

state. The agreement will allow the tribe's children and family services program to authorize, recruit, and license foster homes for Muscogee children. Voting against the bill was **Roberts**, Okfuskee Dist. **Jackson**, Okfuskee Dist., did not vote;

— approved unanimously (30-0), a bill allowing the property of tribal citizen **Shirley Thomas** to be placed in trust;

— authorized (24-9-1) the farm authority board to lease 169 acres at the Hanna agribusiness site to **McIntosh** County resident **Gary Gray**. Voting against the lease were: **Harjo**, **Jack**, and **Wheeler**, Creek Dist.; **S. McIntosh**, **T. McIntosh**, and **Townsend**, McIntosh Dist.; **Pease**, Muskogee Dist.; **Harjo**, Okmulgee Dist.; and **Cleghorn**, Tulsa Dist.

Abstaining was **Jackson**, Okfuskee Dist.;

— returned to committee (26-5) a bill appropriating funds for the **Middle Creek Baptist Church No. 1** 125-year celebration. The bill had been added to the agenda and many representatives questioned whether the bill had been through the proper committee procedures. Voting against the motion were: **S. McIntosh**, McIntosh Dist.; **Lewis** and **Nichols**, Okmulgee Dist.; and **Beaver** and **Moore**, Tulsa Dist.;

— approved (23-8) a \$1,000 appropriation to the **Northeast District Senior Methodists** for their annual camp meeting. Voting against the bill were: **Jack**, Creek Dist.; **Fife**, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; **S. McIntosh**, **T. McIntosh**, and **Townsend**, McIntosh Dist.; **Jackson** and **Smith**, Okfuskee Dist.; and **Cleghorn**, Tulsa Dist.

The legislation has been sent to the principal chief for his consideration.

Rodeo feature festival attraction

It's been called the best all-Indian rodeo east of the Rocky Mountains.

While others may challenge the claim, the fact remains that the Creek Nation Rodeo is one of the most exciting and colorful events of the festival.

The 20th Annual Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo is June 17, 18, and 19. The all-Indian rodeo is June 17 and 18, beginning nightly at 8:30 p.m. at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Omniplex Rodeo Arena, just west of U.S. Highway 75 and loop 56.

This year's events are:

- saddle bronc riding;
- bareback bronc riding;
- bull riding;
- barrel racing;
- calf roping;

- steer wrestling;
- team roping;
- ladies breakaway;
- old time roping;
- junior steer riding; and
- junior barrel racing.

Rodeo participants must be able to verify at least one-quarter degree Indian blood of a federally recognized tribe.

Stock contractor is Rice Rodeo Company, Beggs.

The festival rodeo is sanctioned by All-Indian Rodeo Cowboy Association, Navajo Nation Rodeo Cowboy Association, and All-Indian Rodeo Association of Oklahoma.

Books open June 5 from 6 to 11 p.m. Laura Quinton is the secretary. For entry information, contact Quinton at (918) 456-2280.

Stock trailer to be given away at festival

This new W-W 1994 blue, all-around 14' by 5' stock trailer, serial no. 202462, with bumper hitch and gravel guards will be given away June 18 to a fortunate ticket holder.

The rodeo committee, a subcommittee of the Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo

Committee, is selling chances for this trailer for \$1 each.

The rodeo committee anticipates raising more than \$4000 from ticket sale proceeds. Tickets are available from the Office of the Principal Chief as well as the rodeo committee.

Committee members selling chances are: Geri Berryhill; Jim Burgess; Tim Fife; Sonny O'Hern; and Bruce Smith.

All proceeds will help support all festival and rodeo activities.

The trailer was purchased from Goodson Feed and Trailer, Holdenville. For more information, call (918) 756-8700.



Festival advertising space available

Display advertising space is available in the 20th Annual Creek Nation Festival & Rodeo Commemorative Program. Contact Carolyn Torix or the tribal communications department at (918) 756-8700.

Also, *The Muscogee Nation News* Festival Edition is scheduled to be mailed from Okmulgee May 27. Deadline for submissions is May 20.

Festival parade set for downtown Okmulgee

The Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo Parade will begin at 2 p.m., June 18 at Sixth and Grand streets in downtown Okmulgee.

"We would like to have as many participants for this parade as possible," said Carolyn Torix, parade committee member.

"We hope to make our 20th anniversary parade the best ever."

Entries may be as individuals, groups, or organizations. All types of floats are welcome.

For entry information, contact Torix at: (918) 756-8700, ext. 225; or Bill Jones at (918) 756-0961.

Enrolled Muscogee ladies encouraged to enter pageant

OKMULGEE — The Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation Pageant will officially kick-off the 20th Annual Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo June 16.

Judging

The pageant committee has initiated planning for the pageant and is encouraging interested, young, Creek ladies to apply.

Contestants will be judged on performance in the following six categories: essay; interview; poise and personality; traditional dress; talent; and impromptu question.

Orientation

The impromptu question will be based on information obtained by required contestant attendance at an orientation on tribal government and culture. The orientation will begin at 10 a.m., June 4 in the independent agencies (mound) auditorium at the tribal capitol complex.

Following lunch, a presentation on poise, as well as coaching on talent performance, will be offered from 1 to 3 p.m. The pageant application, essay, three letters of recommendation, proof of tribal citi-

zenship, and a photograph are due June 4. A photographer will be available to take pictures of the contestants following the orientation.

Interview

The interview category will consist of individual contestant questioning by five judges at 10 a.m., June 11 at Best Western of Okmulgee. Following the interviews, lunch and talent practice will be held in the independent agencies auditorium. Contestants are instructed to arrive prepared; any props necessary for talent performance should be brought.

Pageant

The auditorium will be available for contestant use at 8 a.m., June 16. The pageant will begin at 7 p.m., June 16. A reception will be held for Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation 1994-95 following the pageant.

Requirements

To be eligible to enter the pageant, applicants must:

- be at least one-quarter blood, enrolled Muscogee;

- be between the ages of 16 and 21 by the pageant date;

- never married or have a child;
- live within Muscogee Nation boundaries;
- submit three letters of recommendation;
- submit a 500-word essay on why they are seeking the title;
- not cohabit before or during reign; and
- attend an orientation workshop on Muscogee government and culture.

Application

Applications may be obtained or returned to pageant committee chair Rita Williams at Oakdale School, located south of Okmulgee just off of U.S. Highway 75.

Williams may also be contacted by calling (918) 756-0319 or (918) 652-7500 or writing: Attn. Rita Williams, Muscogee Nation, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Williams is encouraging former Muscogee Nation princesses and rodeo queens attend the pageant. She requests that they notify her of their attendance prior to the pageant date.

Festival olympics to feature additional events

The 20th Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation olympics will be June 17 at Okmulgee's Harmon Stadium, 623 E. Twelfth Street.

All Indian students between the ages of 6 and 15 with a certificate degree of Indian blood (CDIB) or proof of tribal enrollment are eligible to participate.

If enough interest is shown, contests for children with physical or mental disabilities will also be held.

Orientation sessions for coaches will be May 13, May 27, and June 3 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Conference Room in the Solomon McCombs Executive Office Building at the tribal capitol complex in Okmulgee.

Deadline for entering the festival olympics is June 12. Entries received after June 12 will not be accepted.

All participants must be registered with olympic officials to be eligible for their respective competitions. No one will be allowed to compete that is not registered.

Team events include mixed tug-of-war. Teams will be composed of two girls and three boys for the following age groups:

- 6 and 7;
- 8 and 9; and
- 10 and 11.

The other mixed tug-of-war teams will be composed of three girls and three boys from the 12 and 13-year-olds and the 14 and 15-year-olds.

Festival auction and fund raising successful again

by Second Chief Shelly Crow, festival committee chair

The Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo Committee is very excited about this year's event — the 20th annual festival.

We have several volunteers, including employees and citizens, offering invaluable time and resources to help make the festival a pleasant experience. The committee held a benefit auction to raise funds for the festival for the second consecutive year. Last year was the first time the festival was held without any supplemental appropriations from the tribal treasury by the National Council. We will do the same again this year.

The April 23 auction was very successful. More than \$40,000 has been raised so far.

I would like to recognize the following people and organizations for their contributions:

Principal Chief Bill Fife and his wife, Mary; Council representatives Tim Fife and Bruce Smith; gaming operations authority board members Sonny O'Hern, Ken Childers, and J.D. Colbert; gaming commissioner Rocky McIntosh; tribal district court judge Pat Moore; community services director Harley Little; and lighthorse chief Barton Williams and his wife, Rita.

Also, finance director Owen Sapulpa and his wife, Karen; Okmulgee bingo manager William Buck; gaming employees Jerry Floyd, Samantha Robison,

Muscogee Nation festival olympic events by age groups:

• **6 and 7 years** — 30 meter dash; 50 meter dash; 400 meter relay; softball throw; and tug-of-war

• **8 and 9 years** — 50 meter dash; 100 meter dash; 200 meter dash; 400 meter relay; long jump; softball throw; and tug-of-war

• **10 and 11 years** — 50 meter dash; 200 meter dash; 400 meter run; 400 meter relay; hoop shooting; long jump; and tug-of-war

• **12 and 13 years** — 100 meter dash; 200 meter dash; 400 meter run; 400 meter relay; hoop shooting; long jump; tug-of-war

• **14 and 15 years** — 100 meter dash; 200 meter dash; 400 meter run; 400 meter relay; hoop shooting; long jump; and tug-of-war

Any child whose birthday occurs before July 1, 1994 will be moved to the next age group, when applicable, for competition.

Event coordinators are Henry Harjo, Anita Lowe, and Diane Randall. For entry forms or for more information, contact Randall at (918) 756-8700, ext. 350, or Lowe at (918) 756-3467.

and Francis Root; tribal employees Jim and Ruthie Burgess, Carolyn Torix and her husband, Harvey, and Denise Morrow; and housing authority employee Geri Berryhill.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stubbs; Geoffrey Standingbear; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore; Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Calico; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Flake; Larry and Cheryl Coy; and Doyle Matthews for generously providing their auctioneering expertise for the second year.

Also, Greg and Scott Clabour; Jim Milroy; John Heskett; Charlie Ruth; and John Crow.

These institutions also made contributions at the auction: First National Bank, Henryetta; Citizens Bank and Trust, Okmulgee; Community Bank, Bristow; Creek Nation Wholesale Tobacco Co.; Sunflower Tobacco; and Wagnon's Construction.

I would also like to thank the volunteers whose efforts contributed to the successful fund raising auction: Ms. Berryhill; Mrs. Burgess; Mrs. Morrow; Mrs. Torix; and the Williamses.

Thanks to the contributions of those mentioned above, we anticipate another successful festival. There is still much work to be done. There are still numerous opportunities for contributions of time, talent, and energy.

We are very excited about the 20th Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo. We hope you are too.

Renowned Muscogee martial arts master to perform at Creek festival olympics

An added attraction at the festival olympics this year is a martial arts demonstration by Chebon Marks.

Marks is accomplished in many martial arts disciplines and was a karate instructor for 12 years.

According to his press material, Marks uses the discipline of martial arts to bring together the physical, mental, and spiritual aspects of the individual that results in good health, mental peace, and a balanced person in harmony with creation.

"Mr. Marks will emphasize to our youth the art of discipline and responsibility which will follow our youth through their adulthood," said Henry Harjo, festival olympics coordinator.

Marks is a member of the American Indian Karate Association with two degrees. He received recognition from Karate Illustrated Magazine in 1979.

Marks is the son of the late Peter Marks and Edna Harjo. His tribal town is Tuckabatchee and he is of the *Katcvlke* Clan.



Marks

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- junior olympics, Henry Harjo, (918) 756-8700, ext. 381;
- festival parade, Carolyn Torix, (918) 756-8700, ext. 225;
- rodeo, Geri Berryhill, (918) 756-8504;
- men's softball, Vicki Watashe, (918) 756-8700, ext. 420;
- women's softball, Charley LaSarge, (918) 756-2917 or 756-3002;
- stickball tournament, Elizabeth LaGrone, (918) 756-8700, ext. 365;
- tennis, Gretchen Morgan, (918) 687-1528; and
- volleyball, Sharon Hicks, (918) 623-1963.



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Muscogee Nation, university combine resources for planning initiative

OSU-Okmulgee Public Relations

OKMULGEE — Meeting together to discuss tribal affairs is nothing new for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. It is a part of tribal culture.

So, it's not surprising when Bill Fife, Muscogee Nation Principal Chief, meets regularly with Council members, elders, and citizens for discussions, as did his predecessors.

There are however, significant differences when comparing tribal government from 200 years ago to 1994, Fife said.

"Today's tribal issues are apt to be more comprehensive and global, with such issues as economic development, health care, communications, public administration, and constitutional rights competing for space on the agenda.

"While the process of long-term planning is part of our culture, we must re-define strategic planning in terms of contemporary organizations if we expect to professionally and efficiently serve our citizens," Fife said.

"Strategic planning requires us to envision our future and develop the necessary procedures and operations to achieve that future," said Jerry Wilson, Muscogee Nation executive director. "Strategic planning helps an organization create its future.

"Unlike a corporate strategic plan that typically [focuses] upon production quotas, fiscal plans, and bottom line results, our tribal plan is human directed. Our goal is to better serve our citizens, and that's a 24 hour a day, 365 days a year process," Wilson said.

To better understand the planning process, tribal administrators enrolled in a strategic planning course taught last fall by Dr. Robert Klabenes, Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee Provost. The course was offered by the college as a part of the tribe's college and career education program.

From that, Klabenes was asked to facilitate the administration's strategic planning process.

"Initially, there was a concern among some tribal members that we asked a non-Indian to help lead us in this planning effort," Wilson said. "But several



photo by Gerald Wofford

Muscogee Nation Second Chief Shelly Crow (behind lectern) speaks at Creek Nation Head Start graduation recently. Pictured in front of Crow are Okmulgee Head Start students.

Removal petition deadline passes, nothing filed

OKMULGEE — A May 26 deadline for filing removal petitions against Muscogee Nation Principal Chief, Second Chief, and attorney general arrived without incident.

This is the first time that a notice of intent to circulate a removal petition was made against a non-elected official.

Attorney general Leah Ware was appointed to her position by Fife in 1992.

This also marks the second time that a petition deadline for Principal Chief Bill Fife's removal was not met.

For Second Chief Shelly Crow, this is the third time a removal petition came and went without incident.

Muscogee citizen Eugenia Kelly filed notice of an intention to circulate a removal petition for the three in March.

Notices of intent to circulate removal petitions against the Chief and Second Chief were made in July 1993. The first for Crow was filed in April 1993. Neither petition had enough verified signatures at filing deadline.

Kelley, who is also leader of the Muscogee People's Rights Association, was given 60 days from March 28, to collect 2,847 signatures of registered tribal voters to have a valid petition.

Fife said previously that he believed the allegations were baseless, but remained committed to the

political process.

"Filing a petition is her way of doing things, my approach is to work for the benefit of all Muscogee people," Fife said.

Crow said she also believed the reasons for her removal had no validity, but noted the petitions diverted valuable resources and energy.

"I understand that some people will always disagree with whatever happens, but I think it's obvious that the majority of people are smart enough to realize the difference between removable offenses and personal harassment," Crow said.

Special Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo section inside

An eight-page special Festival section begins on page 5 of this month's edition of *The Muscogee Nation News*.

The section contains information about every event presented at the Festival as well as photographs from Festivals past.

The design and layout was done by Stephanie Beryhill, senior staff member of the tribal communications department.

Letters to the editor

Euchee school reunion cancelled

Editor:

The Euchee Boarding School Alumni Reunion has been cancelled because of a lack of interest and health problems with some of our alumni.

The first reunion was in 1977 in Sapulpa. There were two others held between then and 1990. The reunions were revived and scheduled to coincide with the Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo. Many came long distances, especially those from out of state.

Death has claimed many of the alumni. Many of the alumni are war veterans, including several who are observing the 50th anniversary of D-Day.

Personally, I want to thank Monroe Sulphur, who has been a great support to me. Always willing to help was Andrew Spaniard and association secretary Delores Mambi. A special thanks to alumni spouses. The McNac family also provided table decorations.

I have enjoyed what I did for the reunions — especially when we gave awards to our alumni. They all seemed happy and I was glad for them. I leave you alumni in God's love and his care. Be of good cheer and a good neighbor. I will see you down the road somewhere.

Phillip Coon, Sapulpa

Citizen seeks genealogy information

Editor:

I am requesting any information pertaining to the location of Delilah Drew's burial. She died Sept. 13, 1885 at Elk Creek.

Delilah was the daughter of Chief Gen. William McIntosh and Susanna Rowe. Rowe was a sister to Rebecca Hawkins Hagerty, Catherine Hettie Willison, and Daniel N. McIntosh. Drew was the wife of William Drew and the mother of George Drew, Martha Scott, Susanna Adair Rogers (roll no. 7624), Kathryn Hettie Rogers (roll no. 596), and Jessie Carey (roll no. 7625).

Please contact Martha Lieber Waldschmidt, 2032 N. Mitchell Dr., Midwest City, OK 73110-2325, with any information regarding the above-mentioned people.

Martha Waldschmidt, Midwest City

Reader cites role model

Editor:

I would like to pay tribute to a very special lady. Dr. Leola Taylor (Muscogee Nation human development division deputy director) is one of a kind. I am sure many people agree.

In the short time that I have known her, I have grown to respect her for just being her. I'm sure that we could never count the many hours she has spent in giving of herself to help people that have crossed her path. It didn't matter their age, color, tribe, or the circumstances, if she couldn't help, she found someone who could. She has filled many positions in her lifetime — a mother, friend, teacher — I can't begin to name all of the things she has done. In all things she did her very best and went above and beyond the call of duty.

I would just like to say that she has inspired me and I'm sure she has inspired many others in so many ways. If I were a young person starting out in life, I

would have to say that she is the best example and role model to go by.

Gloria Haynes, Okmulgee

Editor's note: Haynes is employed with the Muscogee Nation transportation planning department.

Senior Methodists express thanks

Editor:

The Senior Methodists of the Northeast District Indian Mission Conference, wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all those involved in granting us such a generous gift. This will help immensely in promoting interest to retain our American Indian culture through our quarterly meetings and especially during our annual three-day camp meeting. This financial assistance will certainly ensure us of future camp meetings. All, regardless of age or creed, are welcome to attend our meetings and participate in keeping alive the hymns, prayers, and teachings in our native language.

Mvto. Hesakatvmese ecepakares.

Senior Methodists, Preston

Citizen cites campaign rhetoric

Editor:

During the last election campaign for chief and second chief, Bill Fife and Shelly Crow were running for their current offices. Their campaign speeches were as sweet as honey to many Mvskoke citizens. Through their speeches they lured many people like myself to vote them in to office. As time goes by, I have come to think that people have been deceived by these two. However, one should look at both sides of the parties involved, then decide.

There is an old saying — you can't judge the book by looking at the cover.

Tim Harley Sr., Henryetta

Bone marrow donors sought

Editor:

I am coming to the Muscogee people for help for my seven-year-old cousin, Geoff Ames. He will die unless a bone marrow donor can be found for him. He lost his nine-year-old brother in January of adreno leuko dystrophy (ALD). His mother, Teri, tested positive as the carrier, but it is not active in her.

Tim Krepski at the University of Minnesota Hospital and Clinic, believes our most likely chance of finding a donor match will come from the Muscogee Nation.

ALD is carried by the mother and passed on to her sons. If a man carries the disease without it becoming active, then he can pass it on to his daughters. Women can also become active and die as did Teri's mother at the age of 34.

ALD is a disease of the brain. Active cases of ALD prevent the body from developing enzymes that process fatty amino acids. These amino acids cause brain swelling and eventually degeneration. I would like to encourage any woman who may have a common ancestor with us to be tested for ALD before she marries and has children.

Ames has the following Muscogee ancestry:

Sehoy Marchant; McGillivray Weatherford; Sophia, Jeanette, and Alexander McGillivray; Will-

iam Red Eagle Weatherford; James and Peter McQueen; Osceola; Big Warrior; Checartha Yargee; Betsy Durant; and Muskogee Yargee.

It is not necessary to be of the family bloodline to be a possible marrow donor, only of tribal ancestry. Young women of any of the above ancestral line may wish to be tested to insure they are not carriers. There are many American Indian children who have time running out on them because of the lack of bone marrow donors. There is one chance in 20,000 for a donor to be identified as a match.

To become a bone marrow donor, a blood test must be taken and with your signed consent, the results will be entered in the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP). Unless you are being tested only for Geoff Ames and do not wish to be in the national directory. A person must be between the ages of 18 and 55 years old and in good health. For Indians, the test is free. For others, the fee is usually \$50 or less. For more information, contact 1 (800) 627-7692. Should you wish to be tested for Geoff Ames only, your doctor should contact Tim Krepski at 1 (800) 688-5252.

Sylvia Bailey Munoz, Midland, Texas

Clarification

National Council representative Wynema Roberts took exception with the use of the word discrepancy in remarks attributed to her in the report of the April Council meeting (*The MNN*, May). Roberts, Okfuskee District, contends Principal Chief Bill Fife and Ed Mouss changed deliberately wording in the current contract from the wording in the Council-approved contract resulting in an enhanced severance benefits package for Mouss.

For the record, discrepancy is defined as: an instance of difference or inconsistency (Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, 1989).

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In brief

Creek Nation hospital now in compliance

OKEMAH — A plan of action implemented by the Creek Nation Community Hospital in response to an April citation has been approved by the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

The citation was issued to the hospital after a complaint was made that the emergency room did not have a physician on call within 20 minutes. The complaint was lodged by Eugenia Kelly of Okmulgee. Since the health department's action, the hospital has hired a physicians assistant, a nurse practitioner, and an intern.

"These hirings certainly will help us on the emergency side," said a health administration representative.

Florence July, CNCH chief executive officer, said a subsequent visit by state officials found no problems with the hospital.

"A revisit by the state department determined that we are in compliance," said July. "They looked at our plan of action and decided there was no further action necessary."

Hospital hires intern

OKEMAH — Billy Beets is serving a medical internship this summer at the Creek Nation Community Hospital. The third-year medical student will be assisting in the emergency room said Florence July, CNCH executive director.

"He will be conducting physical exams, taking medical histories, and will diagnose and treat non-acute patients under the supervision of a licensed physician. He will be a tremendous asset," July said.

Beets is a 1986 Graham High School graduate. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of North Dakota. He is attending the University of Minnesota School of Medicine. He received the Cherokee Nation and Indian Health Service scholarships as well as a fellowship from the American Indian Graduate Center, Albuquerque, N.M.

Beets is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hicks of Henryetta. Grandparents Mrs. Ruby Parkhurst of Choctaw, and Mr. and Mrs. Houston Hicks of Henryetta.

Sovereignty symposium begins June 6

TULSA — Muscogee Nation Principal Chief Bill Fife and Second Chief Shelly Crow will welcome guests for the Seventh Annual Sovereignty Symposium June 6 through 9 at Doubletree Hotel at Warren Place. The symposium is sponsored by the Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission. Crow is also chair of the OIAC.

Keynote speaker for the symposium is U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno. Her speech will be at 8 p.m. June 7. Other speakers are:

- Stephanie Seymour, chief judge of the 10th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, 1:30 p.m., June 7; and
- Robert Henry, judge, 10th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, 12 p.m., June 8.

The legal portion of the symposium begins at 1 p.m., June 7. Nineteen hours of continuing legal education credit will be offered, including four hours of ethics.



photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Creek Nation Community Hospital employee of the year nominees were recognized at an appreciation luncheon May 11 in Okemah. Pictured from left to right are: Larry Conway, maintenance; Lou Jean Tilley, dietary; Paula Logan, health information; Anna Faye Crawford, housekeeping; Beatrice Berryhill, behavioral health; Nancy Housely, radiology; Laura Mackey, contract health; Elvania Swayze, business office; Della Carter, nursing; Elzonia Curtis, laboratory; and Burt Mainard, emergency medical service. Carter was named CNCH employee of the year May 26.

Council falls short on override attempt

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) National Council's attempt to terminate a contract agreement between the tribe and the director of the health administration fell five votes shy at the May meeting.

In April, the Council approved legislation that attempted to terminate the contract between the tribe and Ed Mouss, health administration director, because of alleged changes that were made to the contract. Okfuskee District representative Wynema Roberts, sponsored the bill. Roberts alleges Principal Chief Bill Fife and Mouss altered the contract to Mouss's benefit — specifically, a clause discrepancy regarding the benefits of Mouss's severance package.

Fife vetoed the bill. In his veto message, Fife contended:

— Council review and approval of the contract was not required;

— the appointment only requires Council confirmation and attempts to void that contract are unconstitutional; and

— Mouss would still be offered employment under the provisions of executive order 94-04.

Representatives Helen Chupco (Muskogee Dist.) and Darrell Coachman (Hughes-Seminole Dist.) argued that Mouss was qualified for the position and had served the tribe well during his tenure.

Roberts said she was not questioning his capabilities, but that the administration violated tribal law when the contract was signed.

Roberts said it was the Council's responsibility to legislate law and follow tribal laws.

"We need to prepare a contract we all can live with," Roberts said.

Okmulgee Dist. representative Dave Lewis said the issue was more than contractual.

"The Principal Chief is not the sole embodiment of the tribe," Lewis said. "The National Council still has the power to approve appointments and contracts for the tribe."

Okfuskee Dist. representative Mae Jackson echoed Lewis.

"The issue is not Ed Mouss," Jackson said. "The issue is the administration's refusal to uphold the Constitution and the [separation of] powers mandated by the Constitution."

The vote was 19 for the override, nine opposed, and three abstentions.

Voting for the override were: Duke Harjo, Phyllis Warrington, and Earl Wheeler, Creek District; Wilbur Gouge and Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh Dist.; Charlie Coker, Muskogee Dist.; Mae Jackson and Wynema Roberts, Okfuskee Dist.; A.D. Ellis, Anderson Hale, Jim Harjo, Dave Lewis, Charlie Litsey, Peggy Lyda, and David Nichols, Okmulgee Dist.; and Perry Beaver, Irene Cleghorn, Jess Kelley, and Ed Moore, Tulsa Dist.

Voting against the override were: Darrell Coachman, Tim Fife, and Thomas Yahola, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; Thomas McIntosh and Yahola Townsend, McIntosh Dist.; Helen Chupco, Muskogee Dist.; Bruce Smith, Okfuskee Dist.; and Richard Berryhill, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes Dist.

Abstaining were: Frances Pease, Muskogee Dist.; Earl King, Tulsa Dist.; and Barbara Gillespie, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes Dist.

Absent were: Leah Jack, Creek Dist.; Tommy Newton, McIntosh Dist.; Clyde Johnson, Okfuskee Dist.; and Larry Bible, Tulsa Dist.

Speaker Steve Bruner did not vote.

In other business, the Council:

— approved unanimously (31-0) an appropriation of \$1,000 to Middle Creek No. 1 Baptist Church for its 125-year anniversary celebration. The bill was sponsored by Lewis;

— approved unanimously (31-0) a resolution requesting a waiver of 25 CFR Part 20, Subpart A, section 20.1 (aa) that restricts benefits to urban Indi-

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photo by Stephanie Berryhill

A bulldozer operator moves dirt at the tribal capitol complex in Okmulgee as construction of the Muscogee Nation Center for Human Development begins. Construction for the multi-purpose facility is expected to be complete by October.

New education program provides opportunity and benefits for employees

Oklahoma State University public relations

OKMULGEE — An innovative education program developed jointly by the Muscogee Nation and Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee is producing tangible benefits.

More than 170 tribal employees enrolled in courses last fall in the career development and college program to update and improve their education and skill levels. Approximately 150 have completed spring course work.

"This program has been successful because it's [customized] to meet tribal needs," said Jerry Wilson, tribal executive director. "For example, we had employees who use a personal computer daily but weren't skilled enough to be truly productive. They wanted to learn more about their computers and software but needed the opportunity. That type of need for enhanced education was prevalent throughout tribal employees."

Tribal administrators, recognizing employees wanted and needed job-specific career training, asked Dr. Robert Klabenes, OSU-Okmulgee provost, and his staff to work with tribal members to analyze needs and design an appropriate program.

"OSU-Okmulgee was sensitive to our needs," said Bill Fife, Muscogee Nation Principal Chief. "Administrators looked beyond the college's regular curricula to fashion courses to match our specific requirements. This program would not have been as successful without the spirit of cooperation shown by the college staff."

"We've been most pleased with a more positive attitude and heightened work ethic our employees who have taken courses have [demonstrated]," Wilson said.

"I know of no other tribe that has taken this bold [of] a step to help their employees improve their education and skill performance," said Dr. Pete Coser. "The tribe pays for all course fees and book costs."

Coser is the director of Oklahoma State University's multicultural development and assessment center in

Stillwater, who has completed his sabbatical from OSU, helped the Muscogee Nation with its human resources and social development planning.

"The driving force behind this program is Principal Chief Bill Fife," Coser said. "Chief Fife is a visionary, a tireless advocate of education. He recognizes the well-being of a tribe resides in its citizens, and that the key to a greater future lies within a tribal government that is better educated, efficient, and more productive."

Coser and Dr. James King, an associate professor of education at Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, coordinated the program development.

"Tribal employees told us through a needs assessment survey the type of education and career planning they wanted," King said. "That survey defined the curriculum we asked the college to follow."

"We identified three general educational objectives — job and skill upgrading, enhancing employees' knowledge of tribal government and culture, and the offering of higher level courses designed primarily for tribal administrators," Wilson said.

Courses such as budgetary processes, word processing, basic carpentry, and human relations were included in the job and skill upgrade offerings. Creek language and tribal government fulfilled cultural objectives. Strategic planning and supervision and management met administrators' needs. Twenty-six courses were offered in the fall term and 19 in the spring. Wilson said he was pleased that several tribal employees taught courses.

Klabenes, who taught the strategic planning course last fall, enrolled in the tribal government course this past spring.

Wilson said that tribal government is never taught in any public school system, unlike its American government counterpart.

"Our tribal leaders have little chance to learn much

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Bureau of Indian Affairs schedules royalty owners meetings

OKMULGEE — The Bureau of Indian Affairs Minerals Management Service has released its circuit rider schedule for meetings with oil and gas royalty owners.

The quarterly meetings will allow representatives to meet with minerals royalty owners to discuss problems and issues. The first meeting for Muscogee (Creek) royalty owners will be from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., July 13 at a location to be determined.

The following list the dates and agency locations for meetings through Oct. 19, 1995.

- **Okmulgee Agency, Okmulgee** — July 13; Oct. 12; Jan. 11, 1995; April 12; July 12; and Oct. 11

- **Cherokee Agency, Tahlequah** — July 14; Oct. 13; Jan. 12, 1995; April 13; July 13; and Oct. 12

- **Choctaw Agency, Durant** — July 19; Oct. 18; Jan. 17, 1995; April 18; July 18; and Oct. 17

- **Wewoka Agency, Wewoka** — July 20; Oct. 19; Jan. 18, 1995; April 19; July 19; and Oct. 18

- **Chickasaw Agency, Ada** — July 21; Oct. 20; Jan. 19, 1995; April 20; July 20; and Oct. 19.

For more information, contact the Okmulgee Agency at (918) 756-3950; or the Muskogee Area Office at 1 (800) 238-1943.

Prevention education programs for families, communities available

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Children and Family Services Administration Child Abuse Prevention Education Program is available for instructional and informative presentations on youth and family issues.

Recently, the program made a "speak out" crime prevention presentation.

Held in conjunction with Lloyd E. Rader Juvenile Detention Facility in Sand Springs, the program introduced Indian youth to incarcerated Indian juveniles who speak out to their peers about life in the juvenile justice system.

The first program was held April 22 with six children participating. The youth toured the Rader facility and heard two of the juveniles incarcerated at Rader speak about their lives in detention.

The program also provides education and counseling services in other areas including: drug abuse; alcoholism; teen pregnancy; anger management; and communication skills for Indian churches, youth groups, and communities. Individual counseling is also available.

For more information, contact: Don Cahwee, George Cosar, or Irene Culley at (918) 756-2112.



Creek Festival turns twenty!



The Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo began in 1975 with an all-Indian rodeo.

It was the same year the Indian National Finals Rodeo began requiring rodeo hands to qualify to compete in the INFR. Thus, the rodeo was established to allow area contestants an opportunity to qualify for the nationals.

Bob Arrington, Claude Cox (former principal chief), Gene Dunson, and Mel Autry were the first to meet and discuss the rodeo.

The National Council passed a resolution in 1976 making the Festival an annual tribal holiday in June beginning on the third Friday of the month. Other events were added in 1976.

A volunteer committee then began meeting to plan the second Festival.

The rodeo and festival committees operated separately until the early 1980s, when the two were combined into one committee. Officially, the Festival's purpose is "to provide the opportunity for Creek people as well as others, to recognize and enjoy the history and culture of the Creek Nation."

In 1988, the Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo Executive Committee was

established. Appointed by the principal chief and confirmed by the Council, the first committee included: Harvey Gilroy; Carney Roberts; Bob Davis; and Arrington.

Others that have served on the committee are:

1989 — Donna Rhodes, Rick Wolfe, Davis, Gilroy, and Roberts;

1990 — Davis, Gilroy, Rhodes, Roberts, and Bill Dowdy;

1991 and 1992 — Bob Arrington; J. Bunny Hill; Donna McCormick; and Roberts;

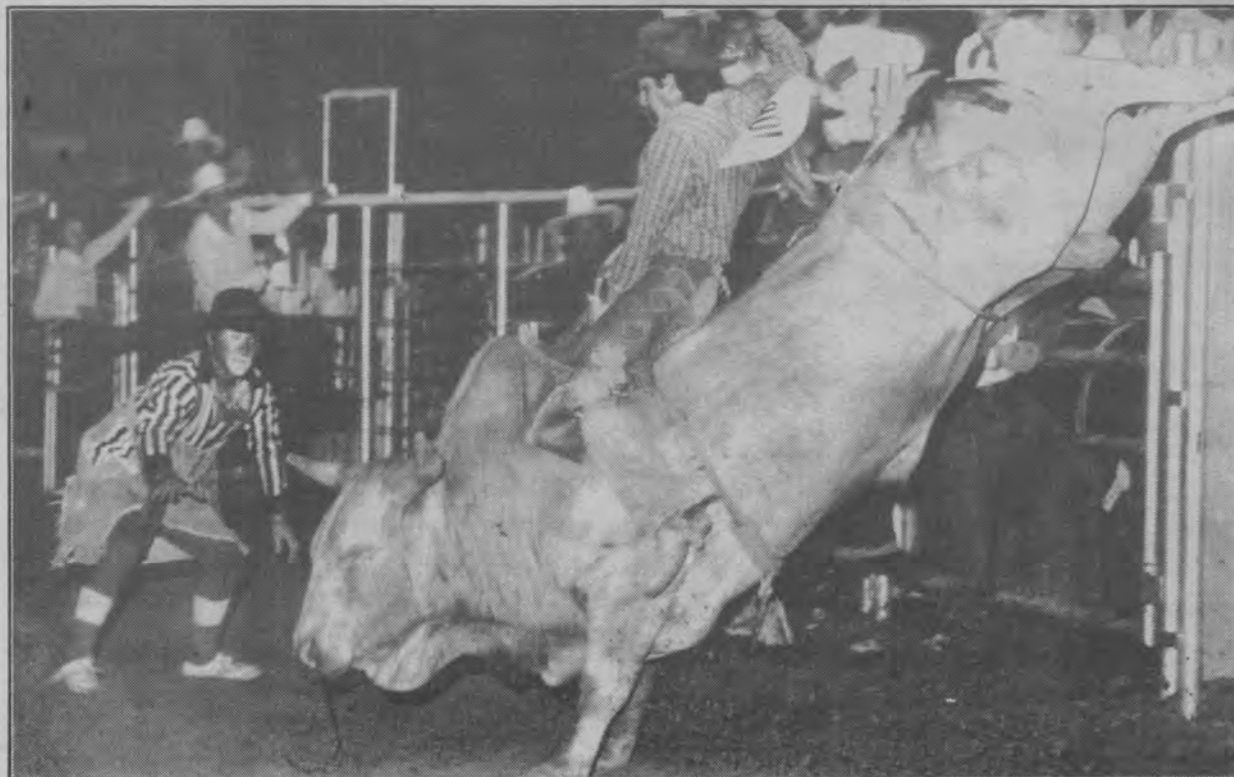
1993 and 1994 — Second Chief Shelly Crow, Sherry Baker, Jimmy Gibson, Henry Harjo, Sonny O'Hern, Okema Randall (resigned in 1994), Pearl Thomas, and Barton Williams.

Welcome to the 20th Annual Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo. Our tribal holiday provides us the opportunity to come together to celebrate the similarities and appreciate the differences within our extended Muscogee family.

The Festival is many things to many people, but to those working behind the scenes — it is a labor of love. Nothing else could unite so many whose desire is simply to have a safe and joyous Festival. The Festival committee, and many other volunteers, have spent thousands of hours planning, organizing, and directing this celebration with no pay and much sweat. Our reward is seeing the happiness of people enjoying themselves.

I would like to thank Principal Chief Bill Fife for his support and endorsement, and the National Council for their support.

— Muscogee Nation Second Chief Shelly Crow, Festival Committee chair





20th Annual Festival

Event: Miss Mvskoke (Creek) Nation Pageant

When: 7 p.m., June 16

Where: Muscogee Nation Independent Agencies (mound) Building Auditorium, tribal capitol complex, U.S. Highway 75 and loop 56, Okmulgee

Event coordinator: Rita Williams, Miss Mvskoke (Creek) Nation Pageant Committee chair

About the event: This pageant has evolved from Creek Nation Princess pageants held since 1977. This event features Mvskoke ladies between the ages of 16 and 21 years old. Contestants are judged on their performances in six categories — an essay discussing the reasons for seeking the pageant title; interview, contestants will be questioned on knowledge of culture and tribal government structure; poise and personality; traditional dress; talent; and impromptu question and answer. The contestants will have already attended a June 4 orientation session and a June 11 interview session before the June 16 pageant gala.

Marva Jackson, a student at Northeastern State University, is the reigning Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation. She, and many former festival princesses and rodeo queens, are expected to attend.

Admission: No admission

Event: Senior Citizens Arts and Crafts and Food Sales

When: 8 a.m., June 17

Where: Solomon McCombs Executive Office Building, tribal capitol complex, U.S. Highway 75 and loop 56, Okmulgee

Event coordinator: Pearl Thomas

About the event: The senior citizens arts and crafts exhibit reveals the talents and skills of Muscogee citizens over 55 years old. Booths and displays will have a variety of both traditional and contemporary arts and crafts as well as food items for sale.

Admission: No admission

Event: Olympics

When: 8 a.m., June 17





20th Annual Festival

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Admission: \$3 general admission; free for those 65 and over and children under six

Event: Gospel Singing

When: 7 p.m., June 17; and 18

Where: Muscogee Nation Independent Agencies (mound) Building Auditorium, tribal capitol complex, U.S. Highway 75 and loop 56

Event coordinators: Jess Scott, Berryhill's Quartet

About the event: The gospel singing features regional and area talent. Committed to perform are: The Ada Harmonettes; Psalms Trio; and The Adair Family.

Admission: No admission

Event: Tennis Tournament

When: 8:15 a.m., June 18

Where: City of Okmulgee Tennis Courts, 1201 N. Okmulgee Ave. (junction of Okmulgee Avenue and Melrose Street)

Event coordinator:

Gretchen Morgan

About the event: The all-Indian Festival tennis tournament began in 1979. Several levels of competition are bracketed. Last year's open division winners: Tasha Morgan of Oktaha; and Semore Tiger of Wewoka.

Admission: No admission

Event: 5K Run

When: 8:30 a.m., June 18

Where: east of the Muscogee Nation Independent Agencies (mound) Building, tribal capitol complex, U.S. Highway 75 and loop 56

Event coordinators: Roger Barnett; and Glen's Road Race Service

About the event:

This is the third year the Festival's five kilometer run has been held. The road race covers five kilometers (approximately 3.1 miles) over asphalt. It is sanctioned and course certified by U.S.A. Track and Field.



Suzy Hunt of Norman, last year's women's winner, was Oklahoma Female Runner of the Year in 1993.

Admission: No admission

Event: Co-ed Volleyball

When: 9 a.m., June 18



Where:

Muscogee Nation Omniplex volleyball courts, west of U.S. Highway 75 and loop 56

Event coordinator: Sharon

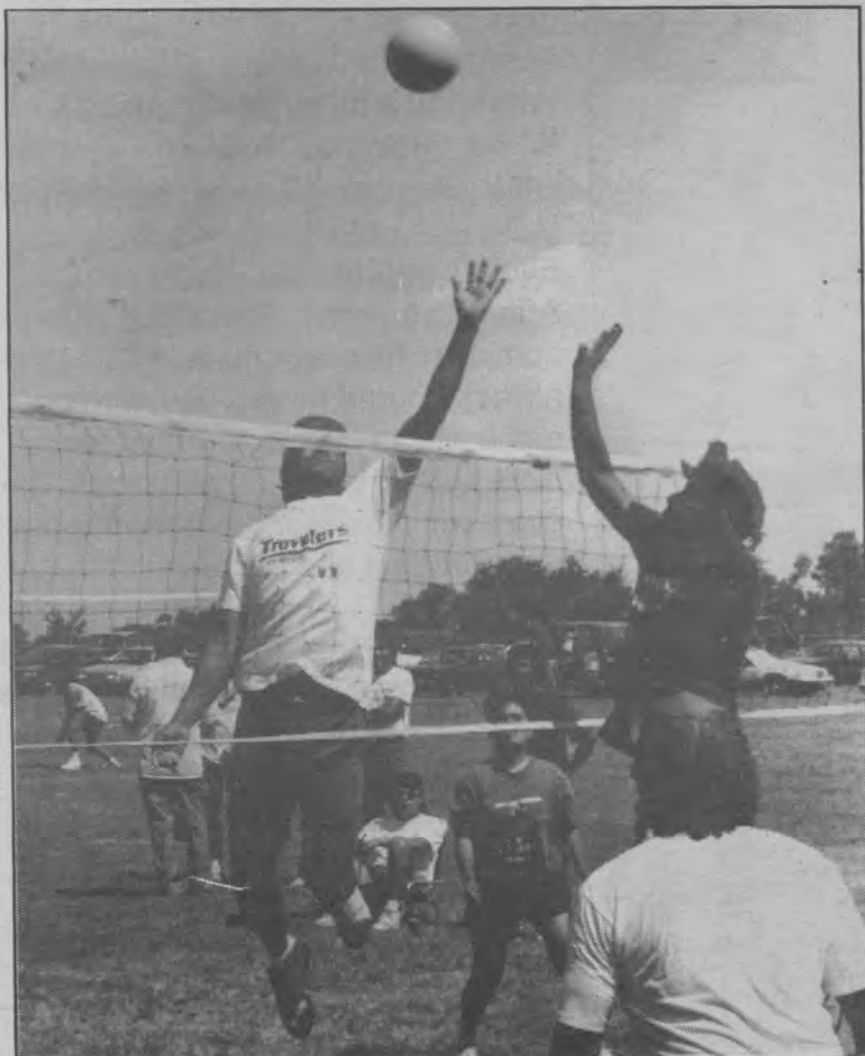
Hicks

About the event: The all-Indian Festival co-ed volleyball tournament is one of largest in the area. Teams are usually composed of three men and three women. This is the first year for the tourney to be played in sand pits.

Admission: No admission

Event: Stickball Tournament

When: 9 a.m., June 18



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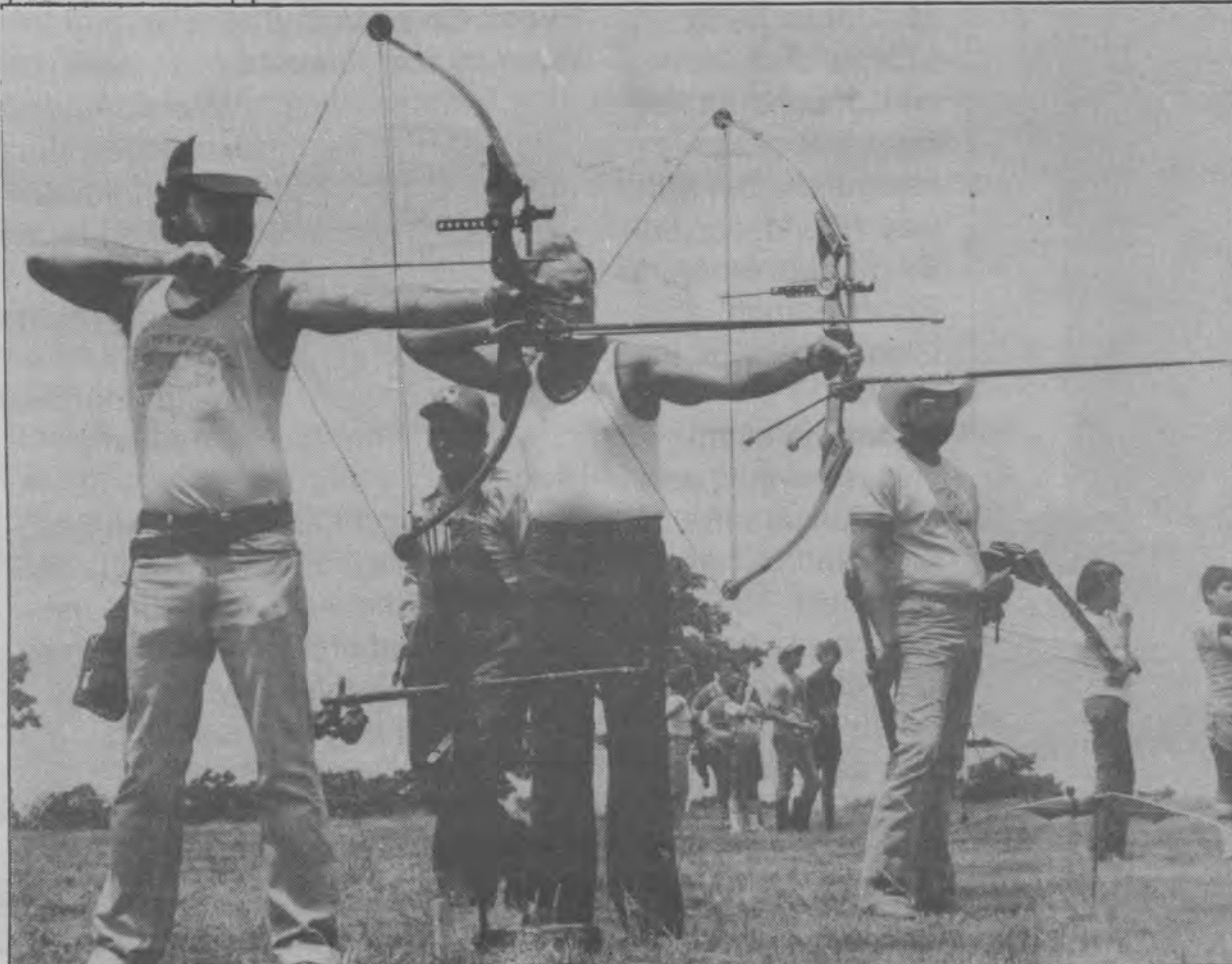
Where: Muscogee Nation Tribal Capitol Complex, north of the Head Start building, U.S. Highway 75 and loop 56
Event coordinator: Elizabeth LaGrone
About the event: This is the first year for this event. The version of stickball played between men and women is a social activity in Mvskoke culture. The competition is limited to 10 teams — five men's and five women's teams.
Admission: No admission

Event: Archery Shoot and Southeastern Longbow Demonstration
When: 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., June 18
Where: Muscogee Nation Omniplex, just west of pond, west of U.S. Highway and loop 56
Event coordinator: Michael B. Berryhill
About the event: The archery shoot will be held for two bow classes — wooden longbow and factory recurve. First, second, and third cash prizes of \$50, \$35, and \$25 will be awarded in both classes. The demonstration will focus on the basics of bowmaking and types of wood used utilized.
Admission: No admission

Event: Senior Citizens' Games
When: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 18
Where: Solomon McCombs Executive Office Building, tribal capitol complex, U.S. Highway 75 and loop 56
Event coordinator: Pearl Thomas
About the event: This event features dominoes tournaments and horseshoe pitching tournaments. Also, a bingo game will be played at 1 p.m. for seniors age 55 years old and older. The event will provide many opportunities for fellowship and swapping of tall tales.
Admission: No admission, but participation is for Muscogee senior citizens and their spouses.

Event: Martial Arts Exhibition
When: 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., June 18
Where: Muscogee Nation Omniplex, west of U.S. Highway 75 and loop 56

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Where: Harmon Stadium, 623 E. Twelfth St., Okmulgee

Event coordinators: Henry Harjo; Anita Lowe; and Diane Randall

About the event: The Creek Nation Olympics began in 1978 as a "national" contest and included competition events for 19 and 20-year-olds. In the early years, there were two separate olympic-style events: national olympics; and community olympics.

The Creek Nation Olympics has evolved into one event for Indian youth between the ages of six and 15.

The events include: 30 meter dash; 50 meter dash; 200 meter dash; 400 meter run; 400 meter relay; basketball hoop shooting; long jump; and tug-of-war.

Admission: No admission

Event: Children's Health Education Fair, Health Information Booth, and Health Screening Booth

When: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 17; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., June 18; and 1 to 5 p.m., June 19

Where: Harmon Stadium, 623 W. Twelfth, June 17; Muscogee Nation Omniplex, Okmulgee, west of U.S. Highway 75 and loop 56, June 18 and 19

Event coordinators: Kim Hicks, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Health Administration; and health care staff

About the event: The health fair will provide free screenings, blood pressure tests, and other related information. It will provide first aid and assistance for event-related afflictions (heat exhaustion, sunburn, and injuries, etc.) also.

Admission: No admission

Event: Golf Tournament

When: June 17; 18; and 19. Scramble begins at 12 p.m., June 17; self-scheduled morning tee times, June 18; and 8 a.m. shot-gun start, June 19

Where: Fountainhead State Park Golf Course, eight miles south from the state highway 150 exit off Interstate 40

Event coordinators: Jim Burgess, tournament director; and Harley Little

About the event: The all-Indian golf





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tournament began in 1977 and attracts hundreds of golfers. Fountainhead is located on the Lake Eufaula Shore.

Admission: No admission

Event: Men's Fast Pitch Softball

When: June 17; 18; and 19. The tournament begins at 7 p.m., June 17; 9 a.m., June 18 and 19

Where: Muscogee Nation Omniplex Softball Diamonds, west of U.S. Highway 75 and loop 56

Event coordinators: Dean Williams; Clarence Johnson, tournament director

About the event: The Festival's all-Indian softball tourney began in 1977. The event is one of the major tournaments of the fast pitch softball tour. Teams with the best pitching and depth

tournament director

About the event: The all-Indian women's tournament is the premier

fast-pitch tournament for women. As with the men's contest, pitching will dominate. Okmulgee Indian Community is the reigning women's champs. The late Karen Long, to whom the 20th Annual Festival is dedicated, was a member of several past championship teams.

Admission: No admission

Event: Rodeo

When: June 17; and 18 beginning 8:30 p.m. nightly

Where: Muscogee Nation Rodeo Arena, west of U.S. Highway 75 and loop 56

will contend for the title. In past years, the tournament has been a contest of attrition as the tournament is most often, the last Festival event completed early Monday morning.

Admission: No admission

Event: Women's Fast Pitch Softball

When: June 17; 18; and 19. Tourney begins at 7 p.m., June 17, and 9 a.m., June 18 and 19

Where: Muscogee Nation Omniplex Softball Diamonds, west of U.S. Highway 75 and loop 56

Event coordinators: Charley LaSarge; Clarence Johnson,

Event coordinators: Creek Nation Rodeo Committee

About the event: The Creek Nation Rodeo is the precursor to the modern festival. The first rodeo was held in 1975. The Festival rodeo is the largest all-Indian rodeo east of the Rocky



Mountains based on the number of participants and prizes. Competition events are: saddle bronc riding; bare-back bronc riding; bull riding; barrel racing; calf roping; steer wrestling; team roping; ladies breakaway; old timers roping; junior steer riding for ages 12 and under; and junior barrel racing for ages 14 and under. There will also be a calf scramble both nights. The rodeo is sanctioned by: All-Indian Rodeo Cowboy Association; Navajo Nation Rodeo Cowboy Association; and All-Indian Rodeo Association of Oklahoma.

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Event coordinator: Elizabeth LaGrone

About the event: This is the first year for this demonstration. Chebon Marks is an accomplished martial arts practitioner and teacher holding black belts in *Moo Duk Kwan* and *Tae Kwan Do* karate. He also has advanced training for use of martial arts weapons. Marks will emphasize the discipline and responsibility of martial arts as a way of life that unites the physical, mental, and spiritual. The event is for all ages, but is aimed at youth.

Admission: No admission

Event: All-Indian No-Tap Bowling Tournament

When: Squads begin at 12 noon and 3 p.m., June 18

Where: Beeline Bowl, 1803 S. Wood Drive, Okmulgee

Event coordinator: Arnette Sanford

About the event: This is the third consecutive year for the tournament to be held at Beeline Bowl. The event attracts bowlers from Kansas, Texas, New Mexico, as well as area Indian bowlers.

Admission: No admission

Event: Parade, "A Traditional Homecoming"

When: 2 p.m., June 18

Where: Sixth and Grand streets, Okmulgee

Event coordinators: Carolyn Torix and Bill Jones

About the event: The Festival parade returns to downtown Okmulgee after two years at the Omniplex.

Parade divisions include: individuals-groups-bands-rodeo; churches and ceremonial grounds; Muscogee Nation government programs and divisions; clubs — riding, auto, or other; tribal grounds and chartered Muscogee (Creek) communities; and corporate. The trophy and cash award divisions are best use of theme and best Indian car.

Muscogee Nation Principal Chief Bill Fife and Second Chief Shelly Crow are



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the parade marshals. Other tribal officials and princesses are expected to participate also.

Admission: No admission

Event: Hot Air Balloon Rides

When: June 18 (weather permitting)

Where: Muscogee Nation Omniplex, west of U.S. Highway 75 and loop 56

Event coordinators: Festival Committee

About the event: There is not any similar experience to compare with a hot air balloon ride. The ride is in conjunction with the Muscogee Nation's Drug-Free Awareness campaign.

Admission: There will be a fee for each ride.

Event: Pow Wow

When: July 29; 30; and 31. A stomp dance will begin at 8 p.m., July 29. Contest registration is July 30, beginning at noon — followed by gourd dancing and all specials. Grand entry and war dance contests are at 3 and 7 p.m. Gourd dancing and war dance contests begin at 2 and 4 p.m., July 31.

Where: Muscogee Nation Rodeo Arena, west of U.S. Highway 75 and loop 56

Event coordinator: Don Beaver

About the event: This is the third year that the pow wow has been held in conjunction with the Festival.

Staff: head singer Larry Cozad; head

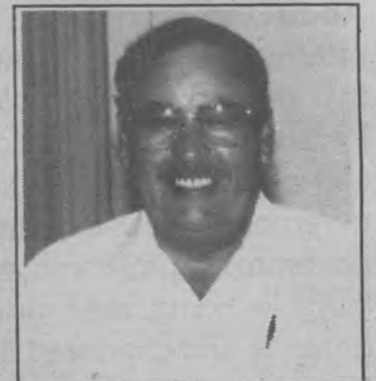
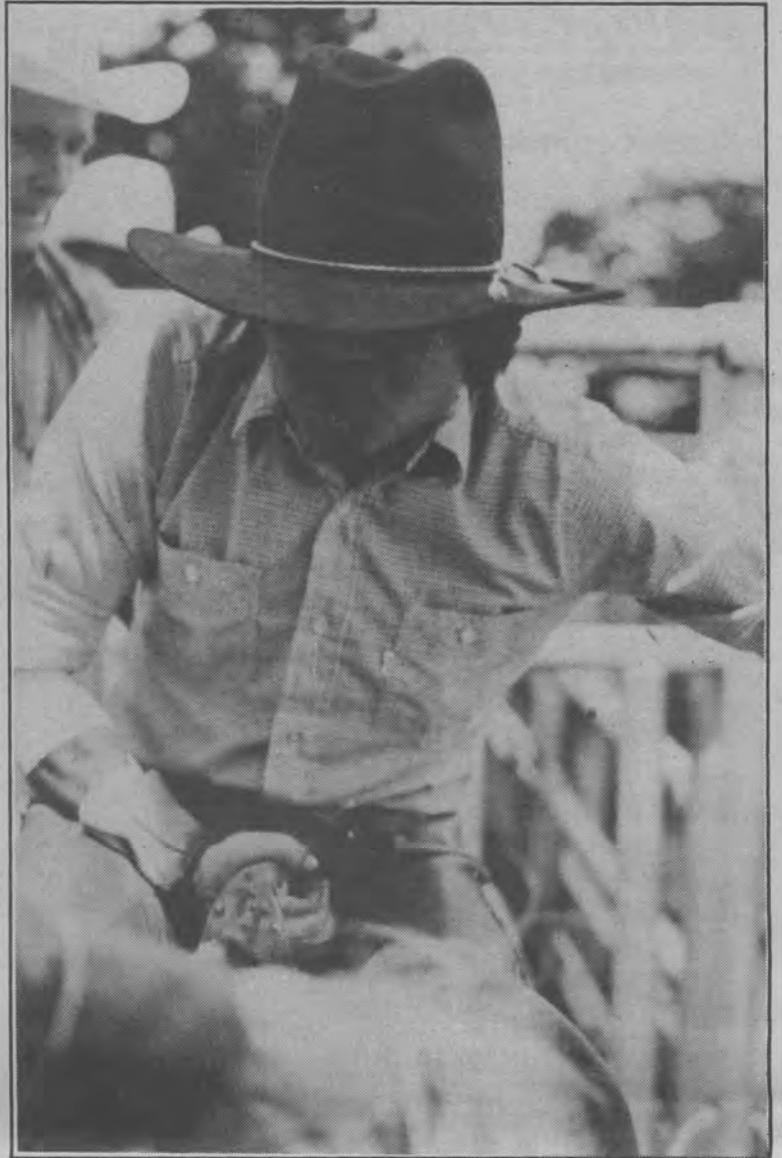
man dancer Thorp Sine; head lady dancer Timmie Huber; host gourd clan Osage Gourd Clan; master of ceremonies Terry Adams; and arena director John McClelland.

Admission: Donations accepted

As chair of the Festival Committee, I would like to express my appreciation to a fellow committee member.

I commend Barton Williams for his time, effort, and commitment to ensuring the festival is a success.

— Second Chief Shelly Crow,
Festival Committee Chair



Muscogee student achievement

Arnell Littlecook

DEPEW — Arnell Littlecook was chosen April student of the month for Depew High School. The senior-to-be is the daughter of Arney Proctor and John Littlecook of Depew.

She is the granddaughter of Nancy Hill of Depew, and the niece of the late Grover Hill.



Littlecook

Darrol Proctor

DEPEW — Darrol Proctor was chosen April student of the month for Depew Elementary School. The sixth-grade student plays basketball and baseball. He is the son of Johnson and Betty Proctor and the grandson of Nancy Hill, all of Depew. Proctor is also the nephew of the late Grover Hill.



Proctor

Preston Syfert

HOMINY — Preston Syfert placed fourth at the Technology Society of America state conference in April. Syfert, an eighth-grade-student-to-be at Hominy Junior High School, placed fourth in the engineering graphic analysis open competition. He is the son of Michael and Dolores Syfert of Hominy, and the grandson of Mary Lee Hoag of Tulsa.



Syfert

Lisa Williams

RYAL — Lisa Marie Williams was named to the Ryal Public School Superintendent's Honor Roll for the year. Williams maintained an "A" average for the 1993-94 academic year. Williams, 11, will be a sixth grade student next year. She is a member of Yardeka Baptist Church.

Williams is the daughter of Vincent and Wanda Williams of Yardeka. Maternal grandparents are Rosie Frye and the late Jackson Bruner. Paternal grandparents are George Ann McGirt and Bobby Williams.



L. Williams

Tamara Williams

RYAL — Tamara Williams completed her sixth grade year at Ryal Elementary School earning several academic honors. Williams received awards and medals for science, social studies, math, spelling, reading, and English. She was also honored for basketball, citizenship, perfect attendance for 1993-94, and had her poem, "Buffalo," published. Williams was named to the teachers' and superintendent's honor roll.

She is the daughter of Vince and Wanda Williams of Yardeka. Maternal grandparents are Rosie Frye and the late Jackson Bruner. Paternal grandparents



T. Williams

are George Ann McGirt and Bobby Williams.

Vincent Williams Jr.

RYAL — Vincent Williams Jr. completed the third grade at Ryal Elementary School with an "A" average. He was also named to the superintendent's honor roll.

Williams is a member of Yardeka Baptist Church. He is the son of Vince and Wanda Williams of Yardeka. Maternal grandparents are Rosie Frye and the late Jackson Bruner. Paternal grandparents are George Ann McGirt and Bobby Williams.



Williams Jr.

Muscogee seniors

Sherry Condit Preston High School

Parents: Shawn and Barbara O'Neal of Twin Hills.

Grandparents are Richard and Annie Mae O'Field of Tulsa, and Irene O'Neal of Tulsa.

Activities: varsity softball, four years; four state tournament appearances; varsity basketball, four years; two state tournament appearances

Awards: 1993 all-conference softball team; Who's Who Among American High School Students; I Dare You leadership award; Robby Finch Humanitarian Award; scholarships from Connors State College and Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee
Future plans: To attend Connors State College this fall.



Condit

Kiamichi Area Vo-Tech and Paris Junior College to study nursing.

Amy Warrington
Okemah High School
Parents: Jake and Kathy Warrington of Okemah.
Awards: Anna Bland Memorial Scholarship
Future plans: To attend Seminole Junior College and University of Central Oklahoma, majoring in physical therapy.



Warrington

Wendy Whitlow
Graham High School
Parents: Irene and Edward Whitlow of Weleetka. Maternal grandmother is Rose Allen of Cushing.
Activities: Future Homemakers of America; varsity basketball; academic competition; and National Young Leaders Conference delegate

Awards: valedictorian; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Oklahoma Honor Society member; Oklahoma Indian Honor Society member; Oklahoma State University valedictorian scholarship recipient; Anna Bland Memorial Scholarship recipient; and 1994 Homecoming Queen candidate
Future plans: To attend Oklahoma State University majoring in animal science and attend veterinarian school after receiving her bachelor's degree.



Whitlow

Calett Marie Barnett Morris Hugo High School

Parents: William and Sue Barnett of Hugo, and the late Patsy Ruth Barnett.

Activities: HOSA Club, two years; HOSA class vice-president; HOSA class historian; computer club; Future Homemakers of America, two years; FHA historian

Awards: Who's Who Among American High School Students; honor roll

Other: married to Clifton Morris

Future plans: To attend



Morris

Adult education

Laura Berna

TULSA — Muscogee citizen Laura Berna has been accepted for membership in Sigma Theta International Honor Society of Nursing. Berna was inducted through The University of Tulsa Zeta Delta Chapter of the society. Membership in the society is awarded to bachelor's, master's, and doctoral nursing candidates who achieve high scholastic averages to graduates of nursing programs who have made outstanding contributions to nursing. Berna is the daughter of Bill and Pat Berna of Tulsa.

Christine Hinesley

DRUMWRIGHT — Muscogee citizen Christine Hinesley was a member of the class that placed second for their diabetes awareness display at the state HOSA spring leadership conference held in April. Hinesley is a participant in the Muscogee Nation Adult Vocational Training Program. She is enrolled in the licensed practical nursing program at Central Vo-Tech.



Hinesley

Yvette Powell

WETUMKA — Muscogee citizen Yvette Powell has graduated from the computerized information processing-office technology program with honors at Wes Watkins Area Vo-Tech.

Powell maintained a 4.0 grade point average (on a scale of 4.0) for the year. She was chosen a.m. student of the month for April and a.m. student of the year. A member of the Wind clan and Kialegee tribal town, she is married to Chris Powell. Together they have three children. She is the daughter of Calvin Battiest of Ada, and the late Yvonne Martin of Wetumka.

Education brief

Henryetta JOM banquet

HENRYETTA — The Henryetta Public Schools Johnson O'Malley Program held its year-end banquet with more than 100 students attending.

Entertainment was provided by the Henryetta Junior High School Show Choir and Muscogee citizen Jeremy Larney, who performed show tunes.

Keynote speaker was Sandra Peters, Muscogee Nation JOM field specialist.

"We have found that the most successful programs are those in which the parents take a proactive role in the day-to-day achievers in this program and they need and deserve sponsors in order that their needs might be met," Peters said.

Five of the nine seniors in the JOM program were reported to make the honor roll.

Society briefs

Koweta Indian Community

• The Coweta Public Schools Johnson O'Malley program received the system's most improved award for the 1993-94 academic year. Credit was given to Ron McHenry and others who made the award possible.

• The All Nations Youth Organization of Tulsa, has chosen Charlie and Martha Squire as its "Honored Senior Citizens" for 1994.

The Squires are active in Koweta Indian Community affairs. He is originally from Shawnee and she is from Sapulpa. Mr. Squires led the Koweta pow wow recently.

"Both Mr. and Mrs. Squires attend all meetings and are always willing to give of themselves and [their] time. They are a good example for our youth," said a community representative.

Checotah Indian Community

• The Checotah Indian Community held elections for its community officers in May. There will be a run-off election between Vernon Courtwright and Darrell Wesley for community chair.

Other officers include: Mildred Burhalter, vice-chair; Benji Colburn, secretary; Max Bear, parliamentarian; and Angie Graham, reporter.

• The community voted to send Martha Armstrong and Sonya July to the Johnson O'Malley national conference in June.

• Community scholarships were awarded to Kim Armstrong, Franchelle Burkhalter, and James Roberts. Roberts was Checotah High School valedictorian.

• The community will sponsor a team in the 1994 Festival olympics.

• The next monthly meeting for Checotah is 7 p.m., June 14 at the community center.

Tribal town offers cultural classes

WETUMKA — The Kialegee Tribal Town is offering several subjects through its heritage and culture classes.

Muscogee youth honored

Jayne Nicole Chuckluck

TAHLEQUAH — Jayne Nicole Chuckluck has been chosen outstanding student of the kindergarten class of Woodall School.

Chuckluck received third and fourth place ribbons in track also. She plays softball for the Little Rascals in Tahlequah.

Chuckluck is the daughter of Wayne and Felicia Chuckluck of Tahlequah.

Maternal grandparents are Felix and Gloria Haynes of Okmulgee. Paternal grandparents are Bridge and Linda Chuckluck of Tahlequah.

Great-grandparents are Annie and the late Jay Haynes of Okmulgee and Annie and the late Bridge Chuckluck of Salisaw.



Chuckluck

Muscogees in service

Matthew Henneha

STILLWATER — Private First Class Matthew Henneha received the Stillwater Community Award for patriotism and citizenship in the Reserve Officers Training Corps award ceremony held recently.

Henneha is a member of the U.S. Army Reserve Unit, Broken Arrow. He completed basic training and advanced infantry training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

A 1993 Okemah High School graduate, Henneha belongs to the Wind clan and to Nuyaka tribal town. He is the son of Wiley and Valeria Littlecreek of Okemah, and the grandson of Christina Henneha of Castle.



Henneha

ture classes. Instruction will be given in basket weaving, shawl making, beadwork, and Indian stories.

Following are class dates and instructors. All classes begin at 7 p.m. at the Kialegee Tribal Town offices, 318 S. Washita.

• Monday — story telling, James and Richard Wesley;

• Tuesday — basketweaving, Hepsey Gilroy;

• Thursday — beadwork, Martha Givens; and

• Friday — shawl making, Betty Hotulka.

For more information, contact the tribal town offices at (405) 452-3262.

Birthday

Cheyanna Michelle Parish

EUFULA — Cheyanna Michelle Parish celebrated her second birthday with a cookout at her grandmother's home. The party was attended by 38 relatives and friends.

Parish is the daughter of Larry and Sandra Parish of Eufaula.

Maternal grandparents are Bill Parnosky of Tulsa, and Nancy Sue Parnosky of Eufaula.

Paternal grandmother is Ruth Gibson of Oklahoma City.



Parish

Clarification

The birthday announcement of Joseph Tiger appearing in the May edition of *The Muscogee Nation News* should have listed James Tiger of Tulsa as the maternal grandfather. Joseph is the son of Sherry Tiger of Kellyville.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation obituaries

JOE MARTIN BEAVER

HENRYETTA — Funeral services for Joe Martin Beaver were held May 25 at Shurden Funeral Home Chapel with Revs. Mitchell Taylor and J. Bunny Hill officiating.

He was born to Rosa Beaver Starr in the Salem area near Wolf Creek. He died May 19, in Tuscon, Ariz.

Beaver attended Okmulgee Orphan's School, Nuyaka Mission Boarding School, Dwight Mission Boarding School, Bacone College, and Okmulgee Business School.

He was a member of the Tuckabatchee tribal town and the Racoon clan. An original allottee, he was active in tribal affairs and was an interpreter for tribal courts. He was also the grandfather of Muscogee (Creek) Nation Second Chief Shelly Crow.

Beaver was preceded in death by: his mother; and a daughter, Elizabeth Kopfle.

Survivors include: his wife, Gretchen of the home; two children, Joe J. Beaver of Scottsdale, Ariz. and Doretha Stubbs Vincent of Tulsa; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and five great-great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Alan Powders; Jason Caywood; Justin Caywood; John Crow III; John Crow IV; and Russel Goodman. Honorary pallbearer was Dennis Powders.

Interment was in the Okmulgee Cemetery.

LUCY BURGE

GRAHAM — Funeral services for Lucy Berge were held May 12 at Hutche Chuppa Baptist Church with Rev. John Riley officiating.

Burge was born April 4, 1933 to Buddy and Hattie

Brown Harjo at Graham. She died May 9 at Weleetka.

Burge was a member of Thewarle Baptist Church and a homemaker. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Melvin Evans; and a son, Michael Evans.

Survivors include: her mother of Weleetka; two sons, Billy Dove and Jack Evans, both of Weleetka; three brothers, Albert Harjo of Tulsa, Bennie Harjo of Weleetka, and Muriel Harjo of Fort Worth, Texas; four sisters, Margaret Gann of Tulsa, Myrtle Barnett of Wetumka, Peggy Harjo of Okmulgee, and Louise Fish of Dustin; and six grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Jerry Mead Jr.; Dennis Zimmer; Ed Scott Jr.; Johnny Harjo; Bobby Harjo; and Jonathan Riley.

EVELYN L. SCREECHOWL

OKEMAH — Funeral services for Evelyn Screechowl were held May 4 at Greenleaf Baptist Church with Revs. Hiawatha Fixico and Judson Deere officiating.

Screechowl was born May 7, 1940 to Ben and Alice Ceasar Johnson at Okemah. She died April 30 in Tulsa.

She married Cedo Screechowl in 1964 and was a homemaker. She was also a member of Greenleaf Baptist Church. Screechowl was preceded in death by: her husband; and her mother.

Survivors include: her father of Okemah; a daughter, Macy Screechowl of the home; a son, Charles Screechowl of Oklahoma City; two brothers, Jimmy Johnson of Okemah, and Van Johnson of Tulsa; four sisters, Mary Roberts and Barbara Hernandez, both of Oklahoma City, Shirley Talamasey and Marie Butler Vasquez, both of Okemah; a grandson, Charles Wayne of Okemah; and two granddaughters, Angie and Alicia Screechowl of Okemah.

singing will begin at 7 p.m., June 25. Master of ceremonies is Al Brown. Visitors are asked to bring their own lawn chairs for seating. Concessions will be available. The church is located three and one-half miles west of Sasakwa on state highway 56 and one-half mile south.

Thewarley United Methodist Church

WETUMKA — Thewarley United Methodist Church gospel singing begins at 7:30 p.m. July 9. Master of ceremonies is Berryhill's Quartet. The church is located seven miles south of Wetumka in U.S. Highway 75 and one and one-half mile east.

Silver Springs Baptist Church

DEWAR — Silver Spring Baptist Church is celebrating its 90th anniversary July 3 at the church. All former members and others are invited. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. Worship services are at 11 a.m. Gospel singing, horsehoes, volleyball, and fellowship begins at 1 p.m. Rev. A.J. Tiger is the pastor. The church is located nine miles east of Henryetta on Interstate 40, and three-fourths of a mile east from the Tiger Mountain exit, on the north side of the road.

Hardback hymnals for sale

OKMULGEE — Hardback Mvskoke song books are available for \$10 each. Contact the following

Pallbearers were: William Gouge; James Johnson; Marc Roberts; Saweke Sulphur; Robert Johnson; and William Knight. Honorary pallbearers were: Tim Harjo; Jimmy Hawkins; Gene Roberts; Robert Reeder; Joseph Harjo; and Jimmy Harjo.

Interment was in the Johnson Family Cemetery.

JOSEPH SOLOMON TIGER

HOLDENVILLE — Funeral services for Joseph Tiger were held Feb. 28 at Tekopuchee Independent Methodist Church with Revs. Johnson Baker and William Beaver officiating.

Tiger was born Dec. 25, 1924 to Turner and Annie Berryhill Tiger in Okfuskee County. He died Feb. 25 in Oklahoma City.

He was reared in Okfuskee County and attended Bigham school. Tiger married Betty Dunson in 1960. He was a carpenter and a minister for 34 years. He was ordained in the Methodist church and is a former pastor at Tekopuchee Independent Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; a brother, Noah Tiger (killed in World War II); and a sister, Sarah Coker.

Survivors include: his wife of the home; one daughter, Mary K. Murphy of Montgomery, Ala.; two sons, Joseph Tiger Jr. of Holdenville, and Michael Tiger of Okmulgee; a son-in-law, Thomas Murphy of Montgomery, Ala.; one daughter-in-law, Shawna Tiger of Holdenville; three granddaughters; three grandsons; one brother, John Tiger of Okmulgee; a sister-in-law, Cheryl Tiger of Okmulgee; several nieces; several nephews; and other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were: Lloyd Harjo; Henry Factor; Kenny Brown; Louis Bruner; Jess Scott; and Freddie Billy.

Interment was in the Dunson Family Cemetery.

Religious briefs

Snake Creek Baptist Church

BIXBY — Snake Creek Baptist Church's annual singing service is June 25. Dinner will be served from 5 to 6:30 p.m. All singers and groups are welcome. The church is located at 215th Street South and Mingo Road.

Middle Creek Baptist Church No. 1

LAMAR — Middle Creek Baptist Church No. 1 is having a homecoming celebration in conjunction with the 125th anniversary of the church July 3. Sunday school, worship services, lunch, and a reading of church history, are included in the day's activities. Those attending the lunch are asked to bring a covered dish. Gospel singing begins at 7:30 p.m. The Buck Family of Holdenville, are the masters of ceremonies. The church will serve dinner at 6 p.m.

Middle Creek Baptist No. 1 is located five miles north of Lamar or seven miles south of Dustin on the Lamar Road. For more information, contact Monica Spearman at P.O. Box 175, Alderson, OK 74522 or call (918) 426-5881.

Birdcreek Baptist Church

SASAKWA — Birdcreek Baptist Church gospel

people for the hymnals:

- John Buckner, Okmulgee, (918) 756-9495;
- Kathlene Sumka, Henryetta, (918) 652-4770;
- Bryant Jesse, Weleetka, (405) 758-2142;
- Barton Looney, Okemah, (918) 623-2311;
- Anna Wefer, Sapulpa, (918) 227-3019; and
- George Bunny, Oklahoma City, (405) 947-7752.

There will be shipping and handling charges for mail orders.

Birthday celebration for long-time pastor

TULSA — The family of Rev. William Alexander will host a picnic in honor of his 82nd birthday June 11 at Chandler Park. Alexander was born June 12, 1912 to the late Robert and Abbie Williams Alexander.

Gratitude

We would like to say thank you for the generous display of compassion and concern during the loss of our beloved Joe Martin Beaver.

Joe Martin Beaver family

The kind expressions of sympathy are deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. We would also like to thank the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and especially Martha Noon-Tomah, for their assistance.

Albert Ford Burgess family



photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Pictured are several of 45 Mason Public School students that participated in eight-week Title V-C Mvskoke language and arts and crafts classes. Language instructors were Geneva Douglas, Title V-C staff, and Gwyneth Ayers, school assistant. Brenda Coon and Nancy Watson taught the arts and crafts classes.

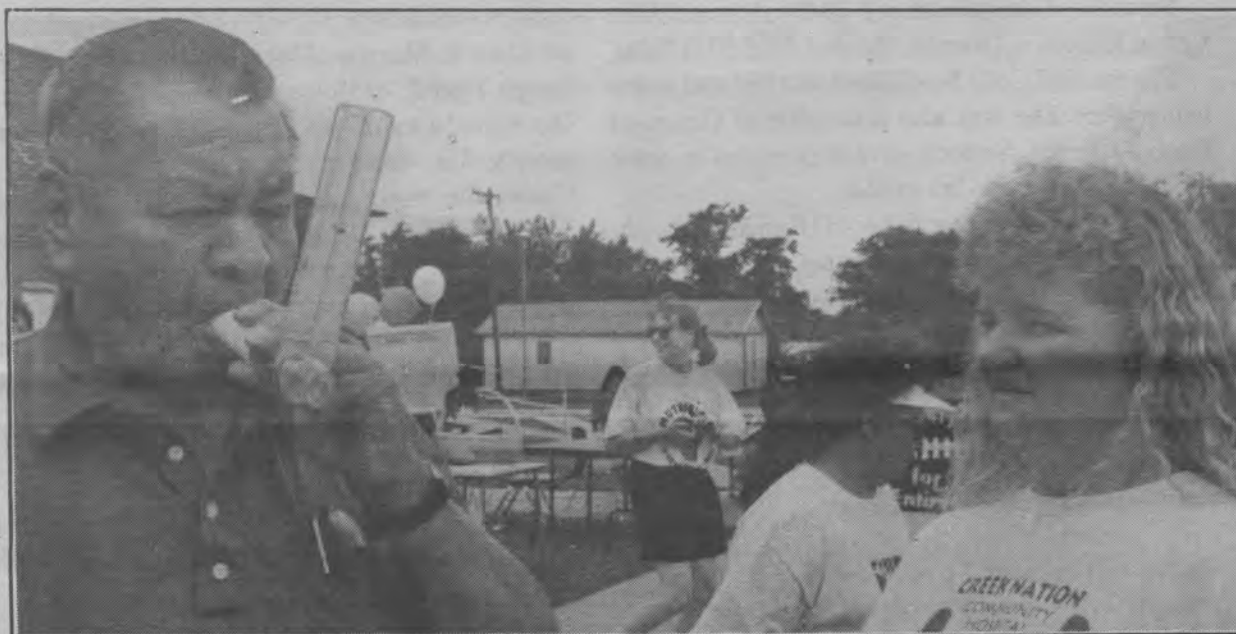


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Muscogee citizen David Long of Okemah, has his lung capacity tested by respiratory therapist Shirley Reed at Creek Nation Community Hospital's Health Fair held May 14.

National Council report

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ans. Presently, federal regulations exclude benefits to Indians residing in an urban area. Kelley, the resolution's author, said there are more than 2,700 tribal citizens living in Tulsa. Many need general, miscellaneous, and child welfare assistance but are currently ineligible, Kelley said;

— approved unanimously (31-0) a bill consenting to the placement of land owned by Mary Francis Jim in trust. The bill was sponsored by Lowe;

— approved unanimously (31-0) an authorization bill to allow the Creek Nation Housing Authority to apply for 200 new housing units. The bill was sponsored by Wheeler; and

— approved (30-1) a budget modification bill for the adult vocational training program. Presently, budget modifications greater than 10 percent of a program's total budget requires Council consent. The bill was sponsored by Lowe.

Voting against the bill was S. McIntosh, McIntosh Dist.

Education program unique

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about tribal government or customs except through informal social environments. The course offered at OSU-Okmulgee is beneficial to each of us."

An underlying objective for this program is to encourage more tribal employees to pursue advanced educational objectives. Several employees have enrolled in regular classes at OSU-Okmulgee and want to pursue their college degree.

Although this program was targeted primarily at tribal employees, it is hoped that the service will extend to tribal citizens in many of our remote tribal communities, Wilson said.

"As tribal government becomes more complex, we need employees who have the educational background and appropriate skills to respond to the change," Fife said. "This program is definitely helping us meet that objective, and we should ensure it continues."

Planning

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of us who have worked directly with Dr. Klabenes were convinced he would expedite the process, not impart his personal opinions into our plan.

"Our goal is to develop a tribal strategic plan to define character, mission, and direction of the Muscogee Nation over a three to five-year time frame," Wilson said.

"Asking our tribal employees and citizens to participate in the planning process will be crucial to the success of our plan," said Andrew Skeeter, tribal planning coordinator. "We already are used to reaching decisions through group consensus — at our ceremonial grounds, local communities, and churches. Citizen involvement in development of this plan is a natural progression for us."

During the first planning conference, the participants discussed the elements of planning. At a second session, the group examined a proposed mission and macro goal statements, and began to validate the tribe's top five priorities. Top priorities are:

- support the practice, beliefs, customs, and traditions of Muscogee culture;
- improve tribal government's political, legal, and management systems to allow for the full exercise of sovereign rights of the nation;

- expand tribal land base and build tribal capacity to maximize social and economic benefits from tribal land holdings;

- achieve a tribal economy by creating a diversified industrial and commercial base utilizing the tribe's human and natural resources; and

- provide for significant increases in tribal services and a diversified program base.

"Permeating our discussions was the importance of rediscovering the Muscogee Nation's culture, including its language, ceremonial grounds, written, and oral history," Klabenes said. "Retaining tribal culture and identity surfaced as the tribe's number one priority."

Wilson said the next step is to draft and discuss specific goals and objectives relating to each of the priorities.

"New opportunities for enhancing individual and community growth of the Muscogee Nation lie before us as we end the decade of the 90's and begin a new century," Fife said.

"Our challenge will be to respond to changing conditions by involving our citizens in leadership activities and in the planning process."



Discussing the tribe's strategic plan from left to right are: Dr. Robert Klabenes; Principal Chief Bill Fife; and executive director Jerry Wilson.



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Fife proposes \$94 million FY '95 budget to National Council

OKMULGEE — Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief Bill Fife has submitted a \$94.9 million dollar comprehensive budget for fiscal year 1995 to the National Council for consideration of approval.

The proposed figure reflects a \$10.6 million increase (12.6 percent) over the fiscal year 1994 comprehensive budget.

"The budget continues to reflect my priorities for the Muscogee Nation in the areas of health, education, the elderly, and families," Fife said.

The proposed spending plan includes \$25.7 million for health care, \$6.7 million for education, and \$4.4 for community and family services. The tribal payroll puts \$17.4 million into the economy alone, making it one of the largest employers in the Okmulgee County area. The tribe's fiscal year is from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30.

Fife said the proposed expenditures will have a significant economic impact on northeastern Oklahoma and upon tribal citizens.

The Muscogee Nation receives funding from a variety of sources including federal contracts, bingo revenues, grants, tobacco taxes, license fees, and interest generated from investments.

Fife said that funding from all sources may appear significant, but is not enough relative to the tribe's overall needs.

Funds allocated to provide government functions, government services, and the necessary support services are limited to profits from gaming, taxes and licenses from tobacco sales, contracts and grants, and interest generated from investments," Fife said. "While these sources in total appear to be a great amount, these are not sufficient funds to meet every need of the tribe. A joint effort must be made to establish priority for the allocation of available resources."

To that extent, Fife said he wants the executive and legislative branches of government to "combine forces to conduct lobbying efforts and prepare position papers for Congress" to demonstrate the unmet needs of the Muscogee Nation.

"This combined effort could lead to the additional appropriation of funds to the Muscogee Nation," Fife said. "The tribe needs to be a political force on

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photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Principal Chief Bill Fife crowns Corina Lowe as 1994-95 Miss Mvskoke (Creek) Nation as Second Chief Shelly Crow looks on. The 16-year-old from Hanna is the daughter of Eddie and Martha Lowe. A related story appears inside the special Festival edition.

Head Start goes to full year operation

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Head Start is now operating a 12-month program providing services to children and families.

Previously, Head Start classrooms were empty during the summer — affecting children, their families, and Head Start classroom personnel.

"This program will allow Head Start to lessen the hardship on families for daycare expenses and provides a safe learning environment for those children that would be left alone to care for themselves or by other, slightly older children," said Sherryl Gonseth, Muscogee Nation Head Start Director.

The full year program allows Head Start staff to be employed full-time — forty hours with full benefits, rather than being unemployed during the summer.

"This also helps those families who were affected by the summer lay-off," Gonseth said. "The majority of Head Start staff are the head of household with no other income."

The full-year program is funded by grants based on three proposals written by Gonseth.

Additionally, a law signed by President Bill Clinton in May authorizes capital expenditures for facilities

and vehicles. Gonseth said this could lead to construction or renovation of existing buildings depending on which is most cost-effective.

"I feel that the success of this program to extend services would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of all the Head Start staff, parents, and volunteers, who made a great effort to ready for the full year," Gonseth said.

Special Festival section inside

The Muscogee Nation News presents a special Festival review edition, designed by staff member Stephanie Berryhill.

Many of the section's photographs were taken by Berryhill, herself a veteran of several Festival campaigns. This year, she was there when Miss Mvskoke Nation was crowned June 16 and also present at 1 a.m., June 20 to memorialize the winners of the men's softball tournament. The section begins after page 4.

Letters to the editor

Reader clarifies relations

Editor:

I'm sorry the information in my letter was not clear (Citizen seeks genealogy information, *The MNN*, June). The information was about Delilah Drew's place of burial.

The correct information is as follows:

Susanna Rowe is not a sister to Rebecca Hawkins Hagerty, Catherine Hettie Willison, nor Daniel N. McIntosh. Delilah Drew is a sister to Rebecca, Susanna, and Daniel. Susanna Rowe was the mother of Delilah, Rebecca, Catherine, and Daniel.

I appreciate your help in clarifying this matter.
Martha L. Waldschmidt, Midwest City

Council member offers thanks

Editor:

I want to thank publicly the Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo Committee for allowing the tribe's senior citizens to have booth space during the recent festival. I enjoyed visiting and displaying my jewelry.

I would like to see more people involved with festival activities and better information made available throughout the festival.

Helen Chupco, Muskogee

Editor's note: Chupco is a Muskogee District representative to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council.

Citizen receives pharmacy information

Editor:

I want to inform you of an upsetting incident which occurred at the Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah.

I am a diabetic and have high blood pressure and at the time, I needed (prescription) refills for my medication.

The hospital however, refused me medication because I was an out of state visitor.

Henryetta woman wins trailer



photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Betty Puckett, left, holds the winning ticket for the brand new 14-foot stock trailer that was raffled by the Creek Nation Rodeo Committee. Geri Berryhill made the presentation.

I was born and raised in Okemah and moved to California 30 years ago. I have also voted in the tribal elections during the past 30 years.

I consider these more than valid reasons to be treated at this Indian hospital. Some steps should be taken to correct this way of service.

Maggie Vandergriff, Laithrop, Calif.

Editor's note: The tribal health care system fills prescriptions from the hospital and through the Okemah Indian Health Center. Neither pharmacy can fill an out-of-state prescription unless the original prescription is presented. The hospital only fills those medicaments that have been prescribed through the emergency room and then only enough medicine is dispensed until the clinic pharmacy is open for regular business hours. Neither place can refill an out of state prescription. These regulations are established by Indian Health Service and Oklahoma State Department of Health and observed by the tribe's health care system.

Advocacy group reorganizing

Editor:

The Muscogee (Creek) People's Rights Association is reorganizing. Former chair Eugenia Kelly has resigned from the group.

We will continue to meet and do all we can to help any and all members of the Muscogee Nation. Future meeting dates will be announced.

New officers are expected to be elected. All interested people are welcome to become members. We need many people who care.

Ruth King, Haskell

Citizen seeks genealogy information

Editor:

I am Creek and looking for information. I am hoping someone in Oklahoma can help me. My grandfather was William Ivory Guinn. He was listed on the rolls and received a 160-acre allotment. I have learned that his maternal grandmother's name was Clara Self Guinn. She

died however, before she was given a roll number. If anyone has any information about these people, please contact me at 3717 Panama, Corpus Christi, TX 78415.

Pam Mills, Corpus Christi

Council member's son thanked

Editor:

On behalf of the Festival committee, I would like to thank Albert Thomas for his assistance selling programs during the Festival's three-day run.

He is the son of Judy Roberts, Okfuskee District Representative. He is the grandson of Carolyn Thomas and the great-grandson of Bernice Thomas.

Carolyn Torix, Okmulgee

Editors note: Torix is secretary for the 1994 Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo Committee.



Thomas

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July 29, 30, and 31

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Jim Wolfe, managing editor
Stephanie Berryhill, senior staff writer
Brenda Estes, administrative

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the Congressional level and all [other] levels of government."

Fife also noted that his proposed budget received input from tribal citizens.

"As more tribal citizens are taking the time to become involved with the tribal government through the budget process, the expression of their desire to continue growth, provide services, and provide jobs through the economic development of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is evident," Fife said.

The budget will be assigned to the appropriate National Council committees for review. It will then be considered by the entire Council for approval later this summer.

Council approves judicial branch supplement at June meeting

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) National Council approved supplemental funding for the tribe's judicial branch at its June regular session.

The 36-member tribal legislature appropriated \$49,461 to the judicial branch to supplement its fiscal year 1994 budget (approved at \$362,201). The funds were taken from the self-governance fund.

The move was approved 29 in favor with one opposed. The results are as follows:

Yes — Duke Harjo, Leah Jack, Phyllis Warrington, Creek District; Tim Fife, Dwayne Lowe, and Thomas Yahola, Hughes-Seminole District; Wilbur Gouge, Sandy McIntosh, and Yahola Townsend, McIntosh District; Helen Chupco, Charlie Coker, and Frances Pease, Muskogee District; Mae Jackson, Clyde Johnson, Wynema Roberts, and Bruce Smith, Okfuskee District; A.D. Ellis, Anderson Hale, Jim Harjo, Dave Lewis, Peggy Lyda, and David Nichols, Okmulgee District; Larry Bible, Irene Cleghorn, Jesse Kelley, Earl King, and Edwin Moore, Tulsa District; Richard Berryhill and Barbara Gillespie, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes District.

Speaker Steve Bruner does not vote except on consideration of vetoes and to break tie votes.

Voting against the bill was **Charlie Litsey, Okmulgee District.**

Absent were: **Earl Wheeler, Creek District; Darrell Coachman, Hughes-Seminole District; Thomas McIntosh and Tommy Newton, McIntosh District.**

In other business, the Council:

— confirmed the appointment of Muscogee citizen Jacob Ray McGilbray to the Eufaula Boarding School Board of Education. McGilbray, 67, of Wetumka, is a retired employee of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Education Programs. He presently is pastor of the Wetumka Circuit of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma.

His appointment was approved 28 to one. Voting for the appointment was: **Harjo, Jack, and Warrington, Creek Dist.; Fife, Lowe, and Yahola, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; Gouge, S. McIntosh, and Townsend, McIntosh Dist.; Chupco, Coker, and Pease, Muskogee Dist.; Jackson, Johnson, and Smith, Okfuskee Dist.; Ellis, J. Harjo, Lewis, Lyda, and Nichols, Okmulgee Dist.; Bible, Cleghorn, Kelley, King, and Moore, Tulsa Dist.; Berryhill and Gillespie, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes Dist.**

Voting against his appointment was **Litsey, Okmulgee District.**

Roberts, Okfuskee Dist., did not vote.

— approved unanimously (29-0) an amendment to NCA 93-38 which amended the establishment of Eufaula Boarding School Board of Education. Though approved in 1992, the board has never convened nor have any of the current board members

Council approves tribal budget supplement

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) National Council approved a \$482,703 supplemental appropriation to the tribal administration at a June 21 special session.

The 36 member tribal legislature approved the measure with an 18 - 13 vote at the special session after a discussion with controller Mike Factor.

The money is necessary to cover an expected federal revenue shortfall that will prevent the tribe from collecting its budgeted funds from the indirect cost pool.

Indirect costs are those that are incurred for the joint purpose or benefit of more than one program or budget and is used to provide administrative and contract support services for those programs that provide direct services.

Factor told the Council the Bureau of Indian Affairs has used the fiscal year 1994 contract support (indirect cost) monies to repay various tribes for fiscal year 1993 shortfalls.

The Muscogee Nation will now receive only 81 percent of its BIA funds though the FY 1994 indirect cost budgets are based on the entire funding amount.

Currently, the tribe has an indirect cost rate of approximately 25 percent and is negotiating a 28 percent rate. Approximately 49 positions are funded through the indirect cost pool in the areas of treasury services, finance and accounting, personnel support services, contract and budget management, communications, general services administration, purchasing and personal property control services, and upper administrative man-

agement.

The bill was amended on a motion made by Okfuskee District representative Wynema Roberts. Roberts had portions of two sections deleted because they made reference to informal and verbal agreements between the administration and the 1992-93 National Council and were inaccurate.

The measure was approved 18 to 13.

Voting for the bill were:

Darrell Coachman, Tim Fife, Dwayne Lowe, and Thomas Yahola, Hughes-Seminole District; Wilbur Gouge, Sandy McIntosh, Thomas McIntosh, and Yahola Townsend, McIntosh District; Helen Chupco, Charlie Coker, and Frances Pease, Muskogee District; Clyde Johnson and Bruce Smith, Okfuskee District; A.D. Ellis and Jim Harjo, Okmulgee District; Larry Bible and Earl King, Tulsa District; and Richard Berryhill, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes District.

Voting against the bill were:

Duke Harjo and Phyllis Warrington, Creek District; Mae Jackson and Wynema Roberts, Okfuskee District; Dave Lewis, Charlie Litsey, Peggy Lyda, and David Nichols, Okmulgee District; Perry Beaver, Irene Cleghorn, Jesse Kelley, and Ed Moore, Tulsa District; and Barbara Gillespie, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes District.

Speaker Steve Bruner did not vote. Absent were: **Leah Jack, Creek District; Tommy Newton, McIntosh District; and Anderson Hale, Okmulgee District.**

been installed. The amendment establishes the length of terms and conditions to meet and serve as board members.

Roberts, Okfuskee Dist., did not vote.

— approved unanimously (30-0) a right-of-way agreement between the tribe and the Oklahoma State Department of Transportation. The land is at the intersection of U.S. Highway 69 and Peak Boulevard in Muskogee (at the Muskogee bingo hall). The purpose of the right-of-way is for the construction of light signals. The state is to pay the tribe \$61,974 for the property.

— authorized (24-3-3) a request of the Secretary of Interior to convey title of land to the descendants of Sam Perryman in the Coweta area.

Opposed to the bill were: **Fife and Lowe, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; and Smith, Okfuskee Dist.**

Abstaining were: **Chupco, Muskogee Dist.; Jackson, Okfuskee Dist.; and Gillespie, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes Dist.**

— postponed (27-3) a resolution to change the name of Hughes-Seminole District to Tokapuchee.

Voting for postponement were: **D. Harjo, Jack, and Warrington, Creek Dist.; Lowe, Hughes-Seminole; Gouge, S. McIntosh, and Townsend, McIntosh Dist.; Chupco, Coker, and Pease, Muskogee Dist.; Jackson, Johnson, Roberts, and Smith, Okfuskee Dist.; Ellis, Hale, J. Harjo, Lewis, and Litsey, Okmulgee Dist.; Bible, Cleghorn, Kelley, King, and Moore, Tulsa Dist.; Berryhill and Gillespie, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes Dist.**

Voting no were: **Fife and Yahola, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; and Nichols, Okmulgee Dist.**

— rejected (25-5) a bill that would have allowed the community development program approve community block grants.

Voting against the bill were: **Jack, Creek Dist.; Fife, Lowe, and Yahola, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; Gouge, S. McIntosh, and Townsend, McIntosh Dist.; Coker and Pease, Muskogee Dist.; Jackson, Johnson, Roberts, and Smith, Okfuskee Dist.; Hale, Lewis, Litsey, Lyda, and Nichols, Okmulgee Dist.; Bible, Cleghorn, Kelley, King, and Moore, Tulsa Dist.; and Berryhill and**

Colbert to lead Muscogee Nation gaming operations authority board

TULSA — J.D. Colbert has been elected chair of the Muscogee Nation Gaming Operations Authority Board for 1994-95.

Colbert was appointed to the GOAB by Principal Chief Bill Fife. He was confirmed by the tribal National Council in December.

Formerly, Colbert was a member of the tribe's industrial development board. He replaces outgoing board chair Sonny O'Hern of Beggs. O'Hern will continue to serve on the board. Ken Childers of Glenpool, is also a board member.

The GOAB has oversight responsibility for the \$40 million yearly gaming operation for the Muscogee Nation.

Colbert received his master's degree from Harvard University in administration, planning, and social policy in 1981. He received his

undergraduate degree in 1978 at the University of Oklahoma in management and marketing.

Previously, Colbert has been a bank examiner with the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Mass., chief financial officer and controller for American Exchange Bank of Norman, and is the current president and chief executive officer for First National Bank of Hulbert.

From 1986 through 1988, he headed the financial services division of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

In a prepared release, Colbert said the board's priorities include the implementation of a business plan with a revamped organizational structure that will increase profits from existing operations.

Colbert and his wife, Karen, have two children and reside in Tulsa.

Tiger to manage health program

OKMULGEE — Jane Tiger was named manager for the Muscogee Nation Community Health Representative Program effective May 23.

Tiger is a certified health education specialist with six years of public health experience. She has been director of health programs for the Cheyenne-Arapaho.

For five years, Tiger was the associate director and special instructor for the graduate pro-



Tiger

gram in public health for Indians at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center College of Public Health.

A Geary native, Tiger earned her bachelor's degree from Northeastern State University, Tahlequah. The Chilocco school graduate received her master's degree from OU in 1988. She is a member of the Arapaho tribe.

"Tiger brings to our CHR program a background in health education and public health," said Ed Mouss, tribal health systems director. "She is also familiar with programs such as ours, which are funded under Public Law 93-638."

Tiger is married to George, of Eufaula. He sits on the Eufaula Boarding School Board of Education. The couple has one son, Sam.

Royalty owners' meeting announced

OKMULGEE — The first meeting for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Muskogee Area Minerals staff, minerals management service, and Muscogee (Creek) Nation royalty owners will begin at 10 a.m., July 13 at the BIA conference room at the Muscogee Nation Tribal Capitol Complex, U.S. Highway 75 and loop 56.



photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Muscogee citizen Robert Taylor of Yardeka, left, greets Principal Chief Bill Fife at the construction site of the center for human development. Taylor is employed by the Muscogee-owned Allred and Fox, a construction and plumbing company based in Checotah.

Muscogee Nation communities organizing to receive tribal charters

OKMULGEE — Four communities are organizing to receive a charter with the Muscogee Nation.

Cromwell, Morris, Nuyaka, and Paden have all begun organizing, said Steve Landsberry, tribal community development manager.

"As a part of the organization process the people are asked to identify projects which can improve the community's quality of life," Landsberry said.

The following lists meeting times, location, and a community contact for the quartet:

- Cromwell — 7 p.m., the last Monday of the month at Little Quarsarte Baptist Church, southeast of Cromwell. Contact Rebecca Lindsey at (405) 257-6159;

- Morris — 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month at Big

Cussetah United Methodist Church, southeast of Morris. Contact Robert Dagenet at (918) 756-8700;

- Nuyaka — 7 p.m., the first Monday of the month at the Stella Roberts home. Contact Stella or Wynema Roberts at (918) 623-9125, and

- Paden — 7 p.m. the last Monday of the month at the Paden Public Schools cafeteria. Contact Mildred Bullard at (405) 932-5511.

"Tribal citizens are encouraged to attend their monthly community meetings and involve themselves in community activities," Landsberry said.

For more information, contact Steve Landsberry, community development office, at (918) 756-8700, ext. 207 or write P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Notice of proposal

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee Nation is seeking a \$750,000 block grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to build chartered community facilities.

The proposed facilities will house programs and activities for chartered Creek communities.

Public comment is invited. Direct comments and inquiries may be addressed to: Steve Landsberry, community development, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Comments will be accepted through July 14. The tribe is competing against tribes, located in Louisiana, Kansas, Texas, and Oklahoma, for the funds.

Muscogee collegians

Scott Robison

CULLOWHEE, N.C. — Muscogee citizen Scott Robison has graduated *cum laude* from Western Carolina University with a bachelor's degree in education. As a student, Robison received an all-American scholar award as well as the national collegiate mathematics award. He intends to become a teacher.

A 1988 graduate of Henryetta High School, Robison is the son of Margaret Robison of Okemah, and the grandson of Edmond Barnett Jr. of Dustin.



Robison

Debra Wallace

ADA — Muscogee citizen Debra Wallace has graduated from East Central University with a bachelor of science degree in education. She is pursuing her master's degree in education with an emphasis in library media. Wallace is a Weleetka native.



Wallace

Kristi Dyer

STILLWATER — Kristi Perryman Dyer has completed her term as vice president of the Native American Student Association at Oklahoma State University. Her duties included events planning and coordination to promote and preserve American Indian culture.

Dyer is in her third year of college and is pursuing a science education degree. Dyer is a 1991 Broken Arrow High School graduate. She is the daughter of Rhol and Kathy Perryman of Edmond. She and her husband, David, reside in Stillwater.



Dyer

Greg Harjo

SHAWNEE — Muscogee citizen Greg Harjo was a member of the Oklahoma State University sprint relay team that placed third in the Big Eight Conference track meet held at Lawrence, Kan. Harjo also placed fifth in both the 100 meter (10.54) and 200 meter (21.36) dashes. Harjo's performance was capped with his selection as freshman of the year by the OSU track coaches.

He is the son of Paul and Sharon Harjo of Shawnee. He is the grandson of Letha Kennedy and Edith Harjo, both of Henryetta.

Muscogee area students honored

Jon Foster

BRISTOW — Muscogee citizen Jon Erick Foster has been honored for his academic achievement at Olive Schools. He was an honor student with perfect attendance. Foster also placed fourth in the Olive Public Schools Spelling Bee. The first-grade student to be is playing tee-ball for the Olive Wildcats.

He is the son of David and Georgie Foster of Bristow. Grandparents are Maggie and the late George McNac of Bristow, and Dan and Brenda Foster of Kellyville, and Betty and Alan Pulver of Sapulpa. Great-grandparents are Weetsie and the late John McNac of Bristow.



Foster

Lakota Scott

TULSA — Muscogee citizen Lakota Scott has been recognized for academic achievement for her work at Springdale Elementary School. She received awards in mathematics, writing, reading, and made the honor roll. Scott also received an award for completing homework assignments. She was also feted by the Tulsa Public Schools Indian Education Program.

The second-grade student to be is the daughter of Delray Scott. She is the granddaughter of W.J. and Mary Scott of Tulsa.



Scott

Joshua Castleman

SAPULPA — Muscogee citizen Joshua Castleman has been recognized for academic achievement for his work at Oakridge Elementary School. He received honors for homework assignments and a gold medal from Books Across America for reading — as well as 27 other awards. Castleman was also honored for perfect attendance.

The fifth-grade student-to-be is the son of David and Becky Castleman of Sapulpa. His grandparents are Joe and Carol Castleman, and Jeanne Kirby.



Castleman

Alisabeth Narcomey

TULSA — Muscogee citizen Alisabeth Narcomey placed second in the 50th Annual American Automobile Association traffic safety poster contest. The state contest was sponsored by the Automotive Club of Oklahoma. She received \$50 for herself as well as \$50 each for her art teacher and her school. Narcomey's work, "Walk Facing Traffic" will be displayed on a Tulsa Transit Authority bus. She is the daughter of Suzanne Narcomey of Tulsa and Daniel Narcomey of Holdenville.



Narcomey

Jessica Kiah St. John

MESCALERO, N.M. — Muscogee citizen Jessica St. John has been recognized for academic work at Mescalero Apache Elementary School. She also earned track honors in the 50, 200, and 400 meters as well as the mile run. She was a finalist in the Jesse Owens Games in Rosewell, N.M.

The seventh grade student-to-be is the daughter of Albert and Phyllis Chupco Platta Sr. of Mescalero. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Amos Chupco of Wewoka. Great-grandparents are the late Rev. James and Bettie Chupco.



St. John

Titania Lewis

KONAWA — Muscogee citizen Ty Lewis was credited for her role on the Konawa High School girls basketball team that played in three consecutive class 2A state finals.

Lewis has played for the Lady Tigers the past three seasons. The Konawa girls basketball team has compiled a 72-15 won-loss record for those years. Lewis is projected to be a starter for the Lady Tigers as the team graduated five seniors from its state finalist basketball squad.

The senior-to-be is also a state medalist in track. She runs in the 400 and 800 meter relay teams. She is the daughter of Shirley Alexander of Konawa. Grandparents are Lew and Salina Alexander.



Lewis

Muscogee seniors

Shane Turner

Sequoyah High School

Parents: Quetta Harrison and Dale Turner, both of Muskogee

Grandparents: Samaria and the late Addison Harrison, and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Turner.

Activities: varsity football; weightlifting, National Honor Society member

Awards: September 1993 student of the month; Cherokee Nation art contest winner; and acceptance into the national art honor society

Future plans: To attend Bacone College and major in art.



Turner

John Billie Jr.

Morris High School

Parents: Emma Star of Morris, and John Billie Sr. of

Birth announcement

Jake Garnett Asbury

ADA — Jake Garnett Asbury was born May 23 to Angie Long and Donnie Asbury of Holdenville at Carl Albert Indian Hospital.

The baby weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 inches long at birth. He has one brother, Jimmy.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Long of Holdenville. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Asbury of Wetumka.

Anderson Family reunion

OKMULGEE — The Anderson branch of the descendants of Chief Samuel Checote held a family reunion June 12 at the Okmulgee Indian Community Center.

This was the first time the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Martha Anderson Gibson have met together since the 1960s. Martha was the granddaughter of Checote.

Though some of the family members have been researching various records to document genealogy, Michael Jon Anderson, who works in Washington D.C., has been researching the National Archives and has been instrumental in providing family information about Checote.

After a luncheon, video tapes to record each family group and brief resume of each were made and distributed. Those attending were: Mrs. Sam (Pearlie Mae) Anderson Jr.; David and Kathy Anderson and daughters, Danielle and Erica; Deborah Anderson and sons, Tim, Samuel Micco, and Neal Checote, all of

Taft

Grandparents: Lena and the late Eli Starr of Henryetta, and Louise and the late Joe Billie of Wewoka

Activities: basketball; football; track; Johnson-O'Malley and Title V committee

Awards: Indian education scholarship recipient; MHS basketball royalty

Future plans: To attend Haskell Indian Nations University and major in graphic design.



Billie

Sam Cook

Hominy High School

Parents: Pamela Cook of Hominy

Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Cook of Yale

Activities: football; weightlifting; track; Indian club student representative; senior class president

Future plans: Cook has enlisted in the U.S. Navy and is stationed in Michigan.

Society information requests

The Muscogee Nation News welcomes society announcements and accepts photographs that are in focus and identified properly. To have an item returned it must include a return address.

Please include relevant information about the event. *The Muscogee Nation News* reserves the right to edit all submissions for clarity, space, style, grammar, and other considerations as warranted. Submit items to *The MNN* at P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. *The MNN* also reserves the right to select photographs for reprint.



The Anderson Family

Joseph, and Kiefer of Tulsa; Susie and Randy Old Crow and daughters, Alexa and Aleigha of Edmond; Michael Jon and Wendy Anderson of Washington D.C.; Imogene and Bob Wilkinson of Lawton; Charla Wilkinson of Atlanta, Ga.; Jean Rhodes and daughter, Tiffany of Tulsa; Jorene and Charlie Coker of Okmulgee; Patricia Anderson of Okmulgee; and guests Judy McClure and son, Albert.

Community news



Citizens travel to Alabama homesite

EUFULA, Ala. — Approximately 40 tribal citizens from Eufaula and Muskogee travelled to Eufaula, Ala., in June.

The group also visited Tupelo, Miss., Macon and Atlanta, Ga., and Memphis, Tenn.

While in Alabama, the group toured local historic sites like the old jail and the Tavern, Old Creek Town Park, and dined on barbecue.

Representatives from both cities exchanged formal greetings. Former mayor Sam Slade read a poem written by Muskogee author and publisher Alexander Posey.

The visitors sang several Muskogee hymns as well as "Amazing Grace" in Mvskoke.

Muskogee begins youth program

MUSKOGEE — A pilot program for summer youth workers is being implemented in the Muskogee Indian Community and continuing for seven weeks.

The work will include clerical work at the community's office and outdoor work. The outdoor work will consist of lawn maintenance, painting, and some housework for Indian elderly and handicapped.

The youth will also sell fireworks at the Muskogee bingo hall property. Plans are tentative for the group to make an excursion for cultural enrichment.

The community extends its thanks to the Eufaula Indian Community for allowing members to attend a tour that included a visit in Eufaula, Ala. and to the artists and contributors to the community's arts and crafts show held recently.

Dustin dedicates community center

DUSTIN — Dustin Indian Community held a grand opening for its new community center in June. Community chair Tim Fife was master of ceremonies. Others participating in the program, were: Principal Chief Bill Fife; Rev. Richard Whitlow; Second Chief Shelly Crow; National Council representatives Darrell Coachman and Bruce Smith; and community development manager Steve Landsberry.

The ribbon cutting was done by C.A. and Ruth Brown of Dustin.

The Browns donated the land where the community is located. Dustin Indian Community presented a pair of boots to Mr. Brown and a Pendleton blanket to Mrs. Brown.

The new center was dedicated to deceased community members Florence and Marcie Harjo, James Fife, Louisa Wildcat, Sara Smith, Joey Fife, and Christine Roberts.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation obituaries

INEZ W. ANDERSON

SHAWNEE — Funeral services for Inez Anderson were held May 28 at Little Cemetery Chapel with Rev. Theodore Baker officiating. She died May 24 at a Shawnee hospital.

Anderson was born Sept. 2, 1902 to Billy and Susie Williams Baker near Schoolton, Indian Territory.

She was reared near the Forty-Nine community and was a member of Pidgeon Baptist Church. Anderson attended Forty-Nine school, Sacred Heart Catholic School and graduated from Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kan. in 1925. After graduation, she taught sewing at the Navajo Boarding School in Arizona. She married Hans Anderson in 1926 and they returned to Oklahoma, settling in the Excelsior community and farmed. She was a homemaker and had lived in Shawnee since 1989.

Anderson was preceded in death by: her husband; two sisters, Pauline Mills and Delma McLelland; and a son, Edward Anderson.

Survivors include: a son and daughter-in-law, Hans and Molly Anderson of Midwest City; two daughters and sons-in-law, Suzanne and Larry Smith of Shawnee, and Helen and H.J. White of Muskogee; brother and sister-in-law, Rev. Theodore and Melvina Baker of Oklahoma City; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Interment was in the Little Cemetery.

JIMMIE PAPA DEERE

CROMWELL — Funeral services for Jimmie Deere were held May 17 at Little Quarsarty Baptist Church with Revs. Fred Lindsey and Hiawatha Boots Fixico officiating.

Deere was born May 14 to Jimmy and Suzetta Deere of Sapulpa. He died later at Bartlett Memorial Medical Center in Sapulpa.

Survivors include: his parents; sisters, Patricia, Andrea Elizabeth, Lydia Michelle, and Josie Marie of the home; and grandparents Marvin and Shirley Squire of Glenpool.

Interment was in the Little Quarsarty Cemetery.

BEN COON JOHNSON

OKEMAH — Funeral services for Ben Johnson were held June 4 at Greenleaf Baptist Church.

Johnson was born April 20, 1916 to Willie and Millie Hill Johnson at Castle. He died May 31 at the Creek Nation Community Hospital, Okemah.

He was preceded in death by: his wife, Alice; two daughters, Francis and Evelyn Johnson; and a son, Bill Johnson.

Survivors include: two sons, Jimmy and Van Johnson of the home; four daughters, Mary Roberts and Barbara Hernandez, both of Oklahoma City, Shirley Talamasey and Marie Vasquez, both of Okemah; a foster daughter, Yvonne Jordan of Seminole; 20 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

NAPOLEAN B. MOORE II

WEATHERFORD — Funeral services for Napoleon Moore were held May 26 at The Chapel with Rev. Max Malone officiating.

He was born Dec. 12, 1907 to William B. and Leona Matlock Moore at the Half Moon Ranch in Okmulgee County. He died May 23 after a short illness in Clinton.

Moore attended Morris schools and graduated from Chilocco Indian School in 1927. He also attended Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kan. He was employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for ten years at the Pawnee Agency. A World War II veteran, Moore served 39 months seeing action in the China-Burma-India theater. He later owned the Mohawk Lodge Indian Store in Clinton for 30 years, where he collected and displayed American Indian artifacts.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; three brothers; and his wife, Dorothy Mae Howecum.

Survivors include: seven brothers, John Moore of Macon, Ga., Thomas and Lawrence Moore, both of Okmulgee, Kenneth and Glenn Moore Sr., both of Morris, Edwin S. Moore of Muskogee, and Marcy Moore of Concharty; cousins; nieces; and nephews.

Pallbearers were: Paul Armstrong; Randy Moore; Tom Rivera; Dick Sawatzky; Issy Umscheid; and Bill Walker.

Interment was in the Greenwood Cemetery.

Gratitude

Thank you to everyone for their kindness and generosity during the time of the loss of our loved one. We appreciate everything done for us.

The Charlene Watashe Family

Religion briefs

Deep Fork Hillabee singing, hog fry

ONAPA — Deep Fork Hillabee Baptist Church will have a hog fry and gospel singing Aug. 13 at the church.

Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. with singing to begin at 7:30 p.m. All singers and listeners are welcome and all are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. To get to the church, exit U.S. Highway 69 south of Interstate 40 to the Onapa Road and follow the signs to the church. For more information, contact Rufus Gould at (918) 251-4936.

Rock Spring Baptist anniversary set

ANADARKO — Rock Spring Baptist Church is observing its 120th anniversary with a series of services beginning July 28 and ending July 31. The theme for the event is Declare Hope and Renewal. The church is located 4 miles north of

Anadarko on highway 281, then one-quarter mile east.

The following is a schedule of activities. All services are at the church. Each speaker will be responsible for an order of service during his or her scheduled time.

July 28

7 p.m. — First Caddo Baptist Church, Rev. Amon Harjo, pastor

8 p.m. — Rock Spring Baptist Church, Rev. George Daingrau, member, missionary

July 29

7 p.m. — Spring Baptist Church, Rev. George Jesse, pastor

July 30

9:30 - 11 a.m. — Indian singing, members reminisce, special group singing

11 a.m. — Rev. Allan Colbert, Muskogee-Seminole-Wichita Baptist Association Director of Missions

Noon — lunch served by the host church
1:30 - 2 p.m. — Indian hymns, church history
2 p.m. — skit: "First Church Service"
2:30 p.m. — Glorieta Baptist Church, Ledkey McIntosh, pastor
4 p.m. — evening meal
6 to 10 p.m. — celebration gospel singing
July 31
10 a.m. — memorial service
11 a.m. — morning worship, Rev. Al Smith, pastor, Rock Spring Baptist Church

Many Springs Baptist singing

HOLDENVILLE — Many Springs Baptist Church will host their annual gospel singing at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 13. Concessions will be available. Everyone is welcome to attend and encouraged to bring lawn chairs. The church is located approximately six miles south of Holdenville off state highway 48.

Notices

Yuchis to have campmeeting

SAPULPA — The Yuchi organization will have a three-day campmeeting Aug. 1 through 3 at Pickett Chapel, south of Sapulpa on Hickory Street. Traditional aspects of Yuchi culture including singing, speaking, and cooking will be featured. For more information, contact Greg Bigler at (918) 227-0659.

Housing authority poster contest

OKMULGEE — The Creek Nation Housing Authority is accepting entries for its American Indian heritage month calendar contest.

The contest is open to all age groups in grades one through 12. Participants are asked to use a subject that reflects American Indian heritage and housing. Entries will be accepted in black and white and color, but must be at least 11 by 13 inches.

All entries must be completed during July and must be submitted to the housing authority by Aug. 1. For more information, contact the housing authority at (800) 259-5050 or (918) 756-8504.

Muscogee citizen award recipient

TULSA — Muscogee citizen Danette Geren was named commissioner of the year at the 1994 Tulsa NIA award ceremony for outstanding service and advocacy for minorities. Geren was selected by Tulsa's three commissions — Greater Tulsa Indian Affairs Commission, Human Rights Commission, and Commission on the Status of Women.

Geren is also part-owner and vice president of Feathergraphx, a Tulsa-based marketing and graphics firm.

OIAC tabs lawyer for chair

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kirke Kickingbird has been elected chair of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission. A Kiowa, Kickingbird is the director of the Native American Legal Resource Center at Oklahoma City University Law School and is a faculty member. He replaces Muscogee Nation Second Chief Shelly Crow as committee chair. Crow will continue to serve as a member of the commission.

"I'm very proud to have served with Shelly during this past year," Kickingbird said. "We've been in agreement about improving the commission's responsiveness to the Indian governments in Oklahoma. Shelly continues to serve on the commission and provide us with her valuable services."

Crow served two terms as chair of the commission. Barbara Warner is OIAC executive director.

Betty Gray was elected secretary for Okmulgee Indian Community during its May meeting.



Creek Nation Veterans Color Guard members presented a new United States flag to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation at the tribal capitol complex in Okmulgee recently.

On hand for the presentation were, from left, veteran Patricia Philpott of Tahlequah; Carolyn Torix of Okmulgee; National Council Second Speaker Thomas Yahola; Muscogee Nation Principal Chief Bill Fife; Intertribal veteran Bill Jones of Okmulgee; and Second Chief Shelly Crow.



photo by Jim Wolfe

Anderson elected to coaches hall of fame

OKLAHOMA CITY — Muscogee citizen Perry Anderson will be formally inducted into the Oklahoma Coaches Association Hall of Fame July 25 at the Clarion Hotel.

Anderson, currently the Muscogee Nation personnel director, retired from high school coaching after 31 years at, Tahlequah, Schuler, and Eufaula.

A 1951 graduate of Spring Hill High School, Pharoah, Anderson had a successful athletic career before entering coaching.

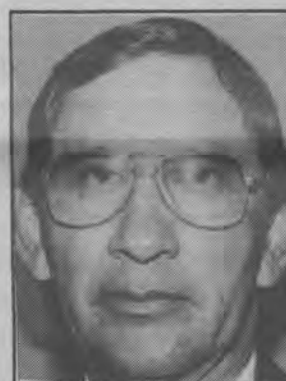
He was an all-state baseball player and was an outfielder and pitcher for Pharoah. He pitched a perfect game in the Oklahoma High School state baseball tournament in 1951.

After high school, Anderson was a scholarship baseball player at the University of Oklahoma. He then transferred to Oklahoma State University where he played basketball for Sam Aubrey. Eventually, he landed at Northeastern State University where he played basketball and baseball for two seasons. He also earned his bachelor's degree in education while there (1955). Anderson played minor league baseball for eight years with stays at San Antonio (Texas) Missions, Wichita (Kansas) Aeros, and Stroud.

But it was coaching where Anderson would distinguish himself.

After graduation, he spent part of a year at Tahlequah. Then he was hired to coach boys baseball, and both boys and girls basketball teams at Schuler.

The Bulldog boys basketball teams had a 200 - 53 won-loss record (79 percent winning percentage) under Anderson. The baseball teams won 118



Anderson

games and lost 41 (74 percent). The girls basketball teams were 133 and 51 (72 percent). Anderson left Schuler in 1964 to coach at Eufaula where he enjoyed similar success. From 1964 to 1980, he won 75 percent of his games (299 and 98) as head coach of the boys basketball team and 77 percent (184 and 54) as baseball coach (1964 to 1973).

Anderson was also an assistant football coach three times (1964 to 1967; 1970 to 1972; and 1981 to 1988). Anderson was named Coach of the Year three times by his peers at the Oklahoma Coaches Association — 1964, 1967, and 1973. He is the second Muscogee citizen to be inducted into the coaches hall of fame. Perry Beaver, former second chief and currently a Tulsa District representative to the National Council, was inducted in 1991. Beaver was featured in the August 1990 edition of *The Muscogee Nation News*.

Anderson and his wife, Ina, have three children, Bruce, Greg, and Sheril.

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Gillespie, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes Dist.

Voting for the bill were: D. Harjo and Warrington, Creek Dist.; Chupco, Muskogee Dist.; Ellis and J. Harjo, Okmulgee Dist.

— unanimously approved (30-0, both bills) to return to committee two substitute funding bills that would have provided supplemental funding.

— approved unanimously (30-0) a bill repealing NCA 92-88 (the health board) and establishing the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Health Systems (hospital and clinics) Act of 1994.

The bill repeals earlier legislation regarding any health system's board and creates the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Health Systems Board. Jackson said the new board is necessary to provide citizens a voice to lodge complaints and receive fair treatment regarding problems and information.

The measures have been sent to the office of the principal chief for his consideration.

CREEK FESTIVAL 04

Standing-room-only pageant kicks off festival

A standing-room-only audience of around 300 people applauded as Hanna citizen Corina Beth Lowe was named 1994-95 Miss Mvskoke (Creek) Nation June 16th.

The Miss Mvskoke (Creek) Nation pageant officially kicked off festivities for the 20th Annual Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo.

Although contestant participation was only half of that in the 1993-94 pageant, it did not inhibit interest. As at the preceding year's pageant, participation enthusiasm was evidenced in the full house and spectator-lined walls of the Muscogee Nation Independent Agencies (mound) Auditorium.

Sixteen-year-old Lowe is full-blood Mvskoke-Cherokee. She belongs to the Tiger Clan and Red Bird Ceremonial Ground. Lowe is the daughter of the Bird Clan and Tallahassee Tribal Town. She is also a member of Trenton Baptist Church.

"I can't believe I won," beamed Lowe the day following the pageant. "I think my parents are more shocked than I am. My mom kept looking at me today and I said, 'What are you looking at?' and she said, 'I'm just happy.'"

Lowe shook turtle shackles during a regular



photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Second Chief Shelly Crow pins the banner on 1994-95 Miss Mvskoke (Creek) Nation Corina Beth Lowe as 1993-94 Miss MCN Marva Jackson assists.

stompdance led by Tallahassee Tribal Town member John Proctor for her talent category of the pageant. Her escort was National Council Speaker Thomas Yahola. Lowe attends Hanna Public Schools and will be an 11th-grader. She is the daughter of Martha and Eddie Lowe. Her grandfather is Thom Lowe of Hanna.

Other contestant partici-



Yargee

pants were: first runner-up Esther Jo Yargee, Okemah; second runner-up Sheree Nicole Bigpond, Coweta; and Agnes Marie Givens, Wetumka. By vote of the contestants on the day of the pageant, Lowe received Miss Congeniality.

Judges for the pageant were: Alice King, Tulsa; Valeria Littlecreek, Okemah; Chris Minyard, Henryetta; Monetta Trepp, Tulsa; and Lynda Waldroop,

Henryetta. The master of ceremonies was Lynette White, Tulsa Indian Club and DASONAW (Daughters and Sons of Native American Warriors) Dance Troupe member.

Among special guests present were: Miss Cherokee Walishi Robinson; Chickasaw Princess Monica Fulsom; Little Miss Chickasaw Nation Malynda Yochum; former Chickasaw

Princess Stacy Wesberry; former Creek Nation Princess and Miss Indian Oklahoma Leslie Baricello; former Creek Nation Rodeo Queen Wendy Dunson Montemayor; Miss Indian Oklahoma University Joy Endres; former Miss Indian Oklahoma Audrey Barnett; Miss Seminole Nation Danita Holahta; former Miss Seminole Nation Karen Harjo; former Junior Miss Seminole Nation Tina Bodini; and Seventh National Miss Indian USA Lisa Trice. Pageant judge King is also a former Muscogee Nation princess. The Miss Mvskoke (Creek) Nation Pageant Committee chairperson is Rita Williams of Wilson.

All requests for appearances by Lowe should be made through Williams at

(918) 756-0319 or 652-7500.



Bigpond



Givens



photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Lowe expresses excitement at being named Miss Mvskoke (Creek) Nation as her escort, Thomas Yahola, and the audience applaud.

YOUTH OLYMPICS

Winners in the youth olympics were announced June 17.

Taking first place was Eufaula Indian Community, coached by Jerry Francis. Farron Culley's Okfuskee Indian Community youth received second. Morris Indian Community, coached by Don Washington, placed third. Yardeka Indian Community children were honored with the distinction of receiving the sportsmanship award. Wilson King coached the youth.

The following is a report of individual event winners categorized by event and age:

30 Yard Dash

• **6-7 Year-old Boys** — first, William Becoma, Weleetka; second, Gaylon Warrior, Checotah, third, Greyhawk King, Wilson

• **6-7 Year-old Girls** — first, Ashley Hicks, Okfuskee; second, Katie Coon, Okemah; third, Rebecca Walters, Okfuskee

50 Yard Dash

• **6-7 Year-old Boys** — first, Rodney Becoma, Weleetka; second, Brian Culley, Okfuskee; third, David Goodman, Dustin

• **6-7 Year-old Girls** — first, Katie Coon, Okemah; second, Rebecca Walters, Okfuskee; third, Alecia King, Yardeka

• **8-9 Year-old Boys** — first, Ka-Nuggie Lowe, Tulsa; second, Theron Richards, Morris; third, Jesse Bible, Morris

• **8-9 Year-old Girls** — first, Tara Beaver, Morris; second (tie), Candice Tanner, H-T Construction, Kim Corley, Eufaula Third; Brittany Tiger, H-T Construction

• **10-11 Year-old Boys** — first, Michael Campbell, Eufaula; second, Travis Hawkins, Okmulgee; third, Ethan Bell, Okmulgee

• **10-11 Year-old Girls** — first: Erin Saltzman, Eufaula; second, Patty Proctor, Okmulgee; third, Kim Regan, Okmulgee

Special 100 Meter Dash

• **8 Year-old Girl** — first, Ashley Fish, Wetumka

100 Meter

• **8-9 Year-old Boys** — first, Cannon Brown, Okfuskee; second, Stephen Horse, Okfuskee; third, Kevin King, Holdenville

• **8-9 Year-old Girls** — first, Brittany Tiger, H-T Construction; second, Tara Beaver, Morris; third, Kim Corley, Eufaula

• **10-11 Year-old Boys** — first, Anton Hicks, Sapulpa; second, Jeremy Monahwee, Morris; third, Kenan Swimmer, H-T Construction

• **10-11 Year-old Girls** — first, Tammy Hill, Okfuskee; second, Patty Proctor, Okmulgee; third (tie), Kim Regan, Okmulgee, Latisha Monahwee, Morris

• **12-13 Year-old Boys** — first, Brian War, Checotah; second, Aaron Burgess, Morris; third, Mathew Kaler, Dustin



Eufaula Indian Community Youth Jamie Frederick placed second in the 12-13 year-old-girls 200 meter dash with a time of 28.75.

• **12-13 Year-old Girls** — first, Tia Brown, Okfuskee; second, Crystal Chisolm, Morris; third (tie), Stacie Tottress, Morris, Stephanie Downey, Eufaula

• **14-15 Year-old Boys** — first, Seth McIntosh, Koweta; second, Eli Bendley, Koweta; third, John Riley, Wetumka

• **14-15 Year-old Girls** — first, Michelle Jones, H-T Construction; second, Chris Brown, Okemah; third: Lisa Tottress, Morris

200 Meter Run

• **8-9 Year-old Boys** — first, Kevin King, Holdenville; second, Mark Ramsey, Okemah; third, Kevin Horse, Okfuskee

• **8-9 Year-old Girls** — first, Kim Corley, Eufaula; second, Tara Beaver, Morris; third, Meske Smith, Okfuskee

• **10-11 Year-old Boys** — first, Travis Hawkins, Okmulgee; second, Clinton Hicks, Sapulpa; third, Fredrick Asley, Okemah

• **10-11 Year-old Girls** — first, Tasha Hill, Okfuskee; second, Katie Montaho, Eufaula; third Tammy Hill, Okfuskee

• **12-13 Year-old Boys** — first, Ryan Warrior, Checotah; second, Judd Pickering, Eufaula; third, Matt Kaler, Dustin

• **12-13 Year-old Girls** — first, Jeri Culley, Okfuskee; second,

Jamie Frederick, Eufaula; third, Crystal Chisolm, Morris

• **14-15 Year-old Boys** — first, Matt Cummings,

Eufaula; second, Seth McIntosh, Koweta; third: Bobby Jones, Eufaula

• **14-15 Year-old Girls** — first, Lindsay Kidder, Eufaula; second, Cynthia McIntosh, Eufaula; third: Lisa Tottress, Morris

400 Meter Run

• **12-13 Year-old Boys** — first, Aaron Burgess, Morris; second, Matt Kaler, Dustin; third, Rolling Roberts, Wetumka

• **12-13 Year-old Girls** — first, Jamie Frederick, Eufaula; second, Jamie Horse, Okmulgee; third, Jerri Culley, Okfuskee

• **14-15 Year-old Boys** — first: Matt Cummings, Eufaula; second, Micah Wolfe, Okmulgee;

third (tie), Bobby Jones, Eufaula, Hyatt Washington, Morris

Hoop Shoot

• **12-13 Year-olds** — first, Brandon Berryhill,

Construction; second, Albert Harjo, Weleetka; third (tie), Fredrick Ashley, Okemah, Ryan Buckley, Wetumka

• **10-11 Year-old Girls** — first, Christy Anderson, Kialegee; second, Kelsey Condulle, Morris; third, Tara Chalakee, Koweta

• **12-13 Year-old Boys** — first, John Yargee, Wetumka; second, James Walker, Eufaula; third, Josh Factor, Koweta

• **12-13 Year-old Girls** — first, Tessie Jimboy, Okmulgee; second, Samantha Frye, Weleetka; third, Stephanie Dowling, Eufaula

• **14-15 Year-old Boys** — first, Seth McIntosh, Koweta; second, Jonathan Riley, Wetumka; third, Jarrod Efurd, Eufaula

• **14-15 Year-old Girls** — first, Lindsay Kidder, Eufaula; second, Katie Eslick, Eufaula; third, Cynthia McIntosh, Eufaula

Tug of War

• **6-7 Year-olds** — first, Morris; second, Eufaula; third, Okfuskee

• **8-9 Year-olds** — first, Okfuskee;

Morris; second, Okemah; third, Eufaula

• **8-9 Year-old Girls** — first, Okfuskee; second, Koweta; third, Koweta

• **10-11 Year-old Boys** — first, Okmulgee; second, Sapulpa; third, Wetumka

• **10-11 Year-old Girls** — first, Okmulgee; second, Eufaula; third, Morris

• **12-13 Year-old Boys** — first, Wetumka; second, Dustin; third, Eufaula

• **12-13 Year-old Girls** — first, Morris; second, Eufaula; third, Okfuskee

• **14-15 Year-old Boys** — first, Koweta; second, Eufaula; third, Okfuskee

• **14-15 Year-old Girls** — first, Eufaula; second, Wetumka

Softball Throw

• **6-7 Year-old Boys** — first, Galon Warrior, Checotah; second; Greyhawk King, Wilson; third; William Becoma, Weleetka

• **6-7 Year-old Girls** — first, Katie Coon, Okemah; second, Alice



This enthusiastic crowd appears to exerting almost as much effort as the Holdenville Indian Community coed team entered in this tug-of war match.

Okmulgee; second, Dewey Herse, Okfuskee;

third, Travis Crandall, Wilson

• **14-15 Year-olds** — first, Larry Noble, Koweta; second, Steve Wolfe, Koweta; third, Aaron Wesley, Kialegee

Long Jump

• **8-9 Year-old Boys** — first, Lewis Conway, Koweta; second, Gannon Brown, Okfuskee; third (tie), Jeremy Tecumseh, Wilson; Matthew Holata, Okemah

• **8-9 Year-old Girls** — first, Autumn Harris, Koweta; second, April Presley, Koweta; third, Judy Powell, Kialegee

• **10-11 Year-old Boys** — first, Kenan Swimmer, H-T

second, H-T Construction, third, Koweta

• **10-11 Year-olds** — first, Morris; second, Checotah; third, Holdenville

• **12-13 Year-olds** — first, Morris; second, Okfuskee; third, H-T Construction

• **14-15 Year-olds** — first, Morris; second, Okfuskee; third, Wetumka

400 Meter Relay

• **6-7 Year-old Boys** — first, Eufaula; second, Okfuskee; third, Dustin

• **6-7 Year-old Girls** — first, Okfuskee; second, Dustin; third, H-T Construction

• **8-9 Year-old Boys** — first,

King, Yardeka; third, Samantha Harry, Glenpool

• **8-9 Year-old Boys** — first, Billy Hoskins, Morris; second, Lewis Conway, Koweta; third, Ka-Nuggie Lowe, Tulsa

• **8-9 Year-old Girls** — first, Amber Keahbone, Checotah; second, Natasha Henson, Koweta; third (tie), Talia Culley, Okfuskee, Andrea Fields, Yardeka

• **10-11 Year-old Boys** — first, Josh Burgess, Wilson; second, Stanley McIntosh, Eufaula; third, Chad Hill, Yardeka

• **10-11 Year-old Girls** — first, Tasha Hill, Okfuskee; second, Vanessa Battiest, Kialegee; third, Amy Wilson, Okmulgee

ALBUQUERQUE RODEO

Over 200 Indian cowboys and cowgirls travelled from as far as Arizona and New Mexico to participate in the 20th Anniversary Creek Nation Rodeo. Over \$10,000 in prize money was awarded to the most apt competitors.

Listed are the Rodeo winners with their rank, score or time, tribe, and home town:

• **Bareback Riding** — first, Melvin Jones, 79, Navajo, Rock Point, Ariz.; second, Troy Ward, 69, Sioux, Leoti, Kan. Receiving ground money was James Duffield and Andy Quetone.

• **Calf Roping** — first, Dee Keener, 11.0, Cherokee, Inola; second, Troy Holmes, 12.0, Cherokee, Stilwell; third, Sonny Victor, 12.3, Choctaw, Idabel; fourth, Ed Holyan, 12.5, Navajo, San Tsebonito, N.M.; fifth, Barry Parkerson, 12.6, Pawnee-Creek, Coweta; and sixth, Raymond Holyan, 12.8, Navajo, Coyote Canyon, N.M.

• **Saddle Bronc Riding** — first, Henry Tsosie, 71, Navajo, Shiprock, N.M.; and second, Travis Nanaeto, 61, Sac and Fox, Shawnee. Receiving ground money was Tommy Tsosie, 61, Navajo.

• **Steer Wrestling** — first, Gary Cunningham, 4.5, Choctaw, Braggs; second, Ron Hammer, 5.1, Cherokee, Butler, Mo.; third, Rusty Rock, 5.5, Cherokee, Checotah; fourth, Norman Bates, 7.1, Navajo, Crownpoint, N.M.; fifth, Harold Mike, 7.2, Navajo, Indian Wells, N.M.; and sixth, Kendall Mitchell, 9.6, Navajo, Crownpoint, N.M.

• **Girls Breakaway Roping** — first, Charlene Baloo, 3.1, Navajo, Holbrook, Ariz.; second, Ross Wright, 3.4, Seminole-Creek, Norman; and third, Lynn Spencer, 3.9, Osage, Pawhuska.

• **Barrels** — first, Pam Hall, 16.33, Hidatsa, Newcastle; second, Renelda Cohoe, 16.47, Navajo, Pine Hill, N.M.; third, Pablipa Cohoe, 16.51, Navajo, Pine Hill, N.M.; fourth, Mandy Bible, 16.59, Creek, Dewar; fifth, Marcella Mays, 16.61, Pottawotomie, Pawhuska; tied for sixth place were Laurie Hicks, 16.65, Creek, Henryetta; and Charlene Baloo, 16.65, Navajo, Holbrook, N.M.

• **Junior Barrels** — first, Tanayia Reynolds, 16.44, Navajo, Dewey; second, Erica Bacon, 16.77, Choctaw, Boswell; and third, Shoneen Alexander, 16.89, Cherokee, Webbers Falls.

• **Junior Steer Riding, Friday** — first, Quinton Locust, 2.90, Creek, Vian; second, Jason Hicks, 2.46, Creek, Las Cruces, N.M.; and third, Ward Beaver, 2.25, Creek, Morris.

• **Junior Steer Riding, Saturday** — first, Jason Hicks, 55, Las Cruces, N.M.; and second, Wesley Beaver, 2.63, Creek, Morris.

• **Team Roping** — first, 5.8, Dee Keener, Cherokee, Inola and Chuck Morgan, Comanche, Comanche; second, 6.0, Cowboy and Tarz Foreman, both Cherokees

from Oaks; third, 6.9, Davy and Rod Bacon, both Choctaws from Boswell; fourth, 7.0, Davy and Ernie Bacon, both Choctaws from Boswell; fifth, 7.5, Willie Jody and Newton Yazzie, both Navajos from Tseyatoh, N.M.; and sixth, Shannon and Glen Brown, both Creeks from Mounds.

• **Bull Riding** — first, Lucas Martinez, 77, Navajo, Crownpoint, N.M.; second, J.W. Jones, 76, Navajo, Tohatchie, N.M.; third, Brad Fish, 74, Creek, Harrah; fourth, Julius Begay, 69, Navajo, Shiprock, N.M.; fifth, Manual Harry, 68, Navajo, Shiprock, N.M.; and sixth, Lyle Williams, 66, Navajo, Steamboat, Ariz.

• **Old Timer's Roping, Friday** — first, Pepper Morgan, 3.8, Comanche, Waurika; and second, Shot Harjo, no time

• **Old Timer's Roping, Saturday** — first, Pepper Morgan, 4.1; and second, Shot Harjo, no time
Dee Keener of Inola was named All-Around Champion Cowboy. A saddle was awarded to Keener along with the title.



Hanna girl Corina Lowe makes her debut as 1994-95 Miss Mvskoke (Creek) Nation at the rodeo.



Miss Mvskoke (Creek) Nation Corina Lowe and rodeo committee members Gerri Berryhill, Tim Fife, and Bruce Smith are introduced to the crowd during the rodeo grand entry.

The 1994 Rodeo Committee is very grateful to everyone who assisted and supported us in the effort and challenge to have a good rodeo. We would like to extend a special thank you to: Sonny O'Hern; Ken Childers; Terry Hurd; Joe S. Jackson; Tony Lowe; Bob Arrington; DeAnna Davis; David McKinney; Ann Hancock; Jerry Mayes; Leslie Crow Akin; Ray Williams; Loretta Butcher; Bob Van Straton; Sandy Wilson; Glen Brown; Sheila Fife; Gary Guthrie; Alex Todd; and Nathan Bennett.

We appreciate all the hard work you donated to make the rodeo a part of the 20th Anniversary of the Creek Nation Festival. We couldn't have done it without you! MVTO.

— 1994 Rodeo Committee Members Geri Berryhill, Tim Fife, and Bruce Smith

5K RUNWALK

The Festival 5 K Run-Walk was successfully executed by coordinator Roger Barnett for the third consecutive year with a total of 80 runners and walkers.

Overall male winners were: first, 42-year-old Brooks Queen, Tulsa, with a time of 17:29; 28-year-old Michael McGirtry, Tulsa, with a time of 17:30; and third, 46-year-old Robert Anderson, Tulsa, with a time of 17:59. Overall female winners were: first, 36-year-old Dana Rudd, El Dorado, Ark., with a time of 25:57; second, 19-year-old Lucinda Eskamire, Holdenville, with a time of 26:03; and third, 39-year-old Sandra Beard, Mounds, with a time of 27:27.

Others placing in the top three of their age groups were:

- **Male 12 and under** — first, Scott Caldwell, Fort Gibson, 11, 21:44; second, J.P. Jennings, Wagoner, 11, 24:00; and third, William Cloud, Bristow, 8, 53:37;
- **Female 12 and under** — first, Stephanie Glass, Tulsa, 5, 54:23;
- **Male 13-15** — first, Thomas Butchko, Tulsa, 13, 19:40; second, Mekko Tyner, Tulsa, 15, 23:44; and third, Jesse Huey, Bristow, 13, 23:58;
- **Female 13-15** — first, Christal Isaac, Tulsa, 15, 34:10; and second, Leann Proctor, 13, 54:22;
- **Female 16-19** — first, Lucinda Eskamire;
- **Male 35-39** — first, Bart Means, Tahlequah, 35, 18:24; second, Fred Poteete, Tahlequah, 38, 20:01; and third, Mark Duvall, Hitchita, 38, 24:33;
- **Female 35-39** — first, Dana Rudd; and second, Sandra Beard;
- **Male 40-44** — first, Brooks Queen; second, Stephen Slaughter, Tulsa, 41, 19:22; and third, Bill Isaac, Tulsa, 43, 19:39;
- **Female 40-44** — first, Debbie Glass, Tulsa, 42,

30:15;

- **Male 45-49** — first, Robert Anderson, Tulsa, 46, 17:59; second, Richard Davidson, Okmulgee, 46, 19:28; and third, Larry Biddle, Okmulgee, 46, 19:42;
- **Male 50-54** — first, Charles Bertalot, Tulsa, 53, 19:33; and second, Buddy Kessinger, Ada, 53, 22:11;
- **Female 50-54** — first, Donna Barrett, Owasso, 52, 30:50; second, Kaye Drew, Oklahoma City, 50, 37:42; and third, Betty Glass, Bristow, 54, 38:42;
- **Male 55-59** — first, Don Antle, Bartlesville, 56, 20:07; second, Eddie Dukes, Tahlequah, 55, 21:11; and third, Oscar Villarreal, Bartlesville, 59, 21:14;
- **Female 55-59** — first, Hattie Daniels, Tulsa, 58, 31:45; second, Pauli Alma, Tecumseh, 57, 33:32; and third, Jo Bennett, Okmulgee, 56, 41:01;
- **Male 60-64** — first, Ernest Daniels, Tulsa, 60, 26:09; second, Lee Orcutt, Sand Springs, 62, 27:56; and third, Bat Shunatona, 62, 40:00;
- **Male 65-69** — first, Sam Taylor, Wilburton, 66, 24:48; and
- **Female 65-69** — first, Opal Alexander, Tulsa, 65, 28:54.



Holdenville citizen Lucinda Eskamire crosses the finish line and is congratulated by run volunteer A.J. Tiger of Dewar. The 19 year old finished first among her age group and placed second overall in the women's open age group.



Run vounteer Linda Downs assists Second Chief Shelly Crow and run coordinator Roger Barnett with the presentation of awards.



Okmulgee District Council member A.D. Ellis finishes the last stretch of his first run at 58 years of age.

THIS GOLF, ETC.

Last year's Mens Open Singles second place winner Scott Johnson returned to Festival Tennis Tournament '94 to claim a 6-1, 7-5 victory over 1993 Mens Open Singles champ Seymore Tiger, while 1993 Womens Open Singles winner Tasha Morgan takes her second consecutive victory.

Other winners were:

- **Mens Open Singles** — first, Scott Johnson, Muskogee; second, Seymore Tiger, Tahlequah; and third, Paul McCrary, Warner;
- **Womens Open Singles** — first, Tasha Morgan, Muskogee; second, Yahnah Patrick, Tahlequah; and third, Abby Johnson, Duncanville, Texas;
- **Mens Open Doubles** — first, Paul McCrary and Paul Harjo, Sand Springs; second, Scott Johnson and Bruce Harjo, Seminole; and third, Kevin Ganote, Tulsa, and Chris Ganote, Henryetta;
- **Womens Open Doubles** — Tasha Morgan and Yahnah Patrick; and second, Vicki Tate, Mounds, and Charlene Barnett, Sapulpa;
- **Mens 35 Singles** — first, Loy Thomas, Okmulgee; second, Paul Harjo; and third, Gary Canard, Sapulpa;
- **Mens Intermediate Singles** — first, Matt Tiger, Tahlequah; second, Gary Canard, Sapulpa; and third, Kevin Ganote;
- **Mixed Doubles** — first, Jennifer and Bruce Harjo, Seminole; second, Tasha Morgan and Paul McCrary; and third, Vicki Tate and Scott Johnson; and
- **Mens Intermediate Doubles** — first, Kevin and Chris Ganote; and second, Bill Lewis and Loy Thomas.

Golf Tournament

Winning the Festival Golf Men's Championships were: first, Ray Buffalomeat; second, Mike Thompson; and third, Darrell Chissoe.

Other winners were:

- **A Flight** — first, Rusty Dillard; second, Chub Guess; and third, J.C. Wilson;
- **B Flight** — first, Levi Bartness, second; Frank Proctor; and third, Tim Livesay;
- **C Flight** — first, Buddy Pappio; second, Bobby Jones; and third, Audie Murphy; and
- **D Flight** — first, Dan Bruner; second, Ken "Sandbagger" Tiger; and third, Joe Watashe.

Women's Championship winners were: first, Nora Birdshead; second, Judy Mann; and third, Marsha Ivins.

Other winners were:

- **A Flight** — first, Peggy Shepherd, second, Dione Bartness, and third, Rita Anderson; and
- **B Flight** — first, Nita McCarter; second, Norma Jimerson, and third, Phyllis Chaffin.

Seniors Championship winners were: first, Clifford Birdshead; second, Robert Sanders; and third, Truman Kaskoske.

Other winners were:

- **A Flight** — first, Henry Ben; second, Dan Amos; and third, Joe Sanders; and
- **B Flight** — first, Jack Garland; second, Bert Perry; and third, Calvin Dailey.

Entrants placing in longest drive, and closest to the pin were:

- **Men's Longest Drive** — Dusty Dillard;
- **Women's Longest Drive** — Judy Mann;

- **Senior's Longest Drive** — Truman Kaskushe;
- **Men's Closest to the Pin** — J.R. Ross;
- **Womens' Closest to the Pin** — Nora Birdshead;
- **Senior's Closest to the Pin** — Henry Ben.

Four-Man Scramble Contest Championship winners were: David Lloyd; Bobby Ivins; GoodLow Proctor; and Carla Livesay.

Other winners were:

- **Flight A**, second place — Jerry Perry, Marion Mitchell, Calvin Dailey, and Peggy Shepherd;
- **Flight B**, third place — Judy Mann, Sam Horse, Lem Sanders, and Pat Bartmess;
- **Flight C**, fourth place — Truman Kaskasne, Jerry Walker, Johnny Allen, and Nita McCarter;
- **Flight D**, fifth place — Allen Core, Pat Narcomey, Jim Thompson, and Retha Murdock; and
- **Flight E**, sixth place — Ray Buffalomeat, Byron Mills, Ancil Barr, and Ruby Perry.

Bowling Tournament

There were 58 entries in the Festival Bowling Tournament with a payout of over \$500.

High game winners were: Stacy Kinney, 300; and Beverly Manley, 300.

Other winners were: Ricky Caviness; Joe Little Charley;

Rusty Coffee; Frank Revas; Larry Harjo; Stacy Kinney; Roy Henson; Beverly Manley; Sharon Gritts; Joe Gritts; Clifton Smith; Sam McLemon; Phyllis McGowin; Bob King; Joe McNac; A.J. Jackson; Gary Liles; Ray Mitchel; Lillian Pratt; Shirley Ross; Jack Livers; Joe Manley; Lu Crofut; Mike Ryals; Annette Sanford; and Jonus Yahoki.

Fifty-fifty pot winners were Lu Crofut and Benny Lena.

Volleyball Tournament

Volleyball tournament winners were: first, Big Dogs of Locust Grove; second, Sand Blasters of Okemah; and third, Salina of Salina.

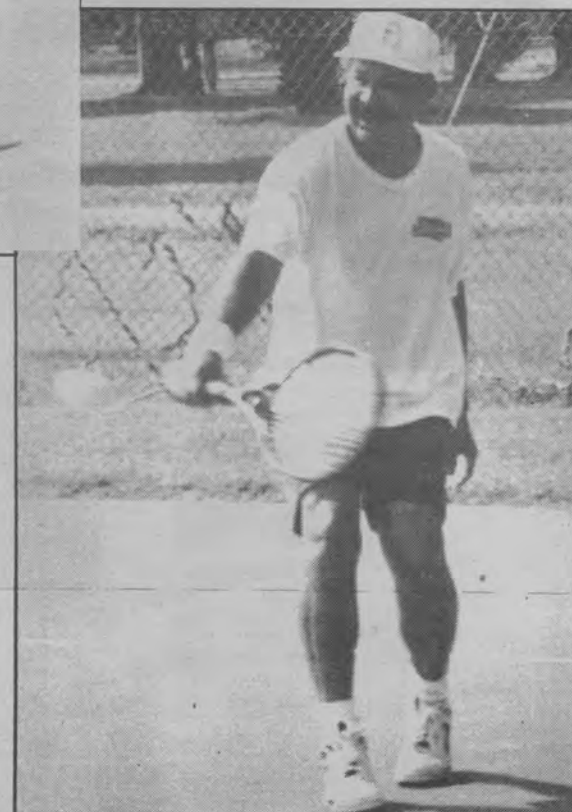
Stickball Tournament

Stickball tournament winners were: first, Heartthrobs, men's team; and second, Ten Tornadoes, women's team.



Mike Bear

Muscogee citizen Marian Mitchell, Oklahoma City, putts for eagle at the eighteenth hole at Fountainhead State Park Golf Course.



Okmulgee citizen Loy Thomas placed first in the Mens 35 Singles.

The 20th Annual Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo is now a part of history. Thousands of you attended and I hope you enjoyed the fellowship and entertainment provided. For the Festival committee, there is still work to do before we close the books on the 1994 Festival. We have already begun planning and organizing the 1995 Festival and I'd like for you to be a part of that also.

Though there were some minor problems, the vast majority of the Festival activities were successful. Of course, no event that takes thousands of dollars and hours of planning and meetings can avoid all problems, but those problems are opportunities for all of us to make the next Festival better than ever.

I wish I had the space to thank all of the people that helped make the 20th Annual Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo possible. There are hundreds of you that lent a hand to work and you are appreciated. Those of you who took the time to come by and express your appreciation for the Festival are also appreciated.

I do want to thank Principal Chief Bill Fife for his support of me and the committee. I also want to thank National Council representatives Tim Fife and Bruce Smith, as well as several others, who supported and encouraged the committee.

I especially want to thank my fellow committee members, each of whom put aside a significant personal difficulty to make the 1994 Festival a success. Thank you Barton Williams, Sonny O'Hern, Kim Hicks, Henry Harjo, Pearl Thomas, and Jimmy Gibson.

— Second Chief Shelly Crow, 1994 Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo Committee Chair



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Second Chief Shelly Crow and daughter, Leslie Akin.



Principal Chief Bill Fife greets parade spectators.



Creek Nation Veterans Color Guard members Bunky Lowe, Robert "Bill" Jones, Mike Wesley, and Pat Philpot lead the parade. They received a trophy and cash award for Best Marching Club.

Creek District Council member Duke Harjo received first place for Best Indian Car.



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National Council representatives Irene Cleghorn, Mae Jackson, Peggy Lyda, and Judy Roberts entered the tribal category of the parade.

To all of you who contributed your time, money, talent, resources, and energy to make the 20th Annual Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo a tremendous success: Thank you. May your blessings exceed your contributions.

— 1994 Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo Committee



Creek citizen Famous Marshall chauffeurs Seminole Nation Principal Chief Jerry Haney and Assistant Chief James Factor.

FESTIVAL



Miss Seminole Nation Danita Holata

The first Festival parade to be held through downtown Okmulgee since 1989 ran its course with a caravan of 81 entries.

Winning the trophy for Best Entry of the parade, as well as sweeping nearly half of the parade categories, was Little Miss Navajo-Creek Tamiko Dee.

National Council member Duke Harjo received the trophy and cash award for Best Indian Car.

Best Marching Club was Creek Nation Veterans Color Guard.

Placing in the Individual and Group category were: first, Miss Mvskoke (Creek) Nation; second, Seminole Color Guard; and third, Dewar Tumblers.



1993-94 Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation Marva Jackson



Miss Mvskoke Creek Nation Corina Lowe placed first in the individual category of the parade.

PARADE

Placing third in the individual category of the parade was Little Miss Seminole Nation Lela Warledo .

Church, Ceremonial Ground, and Community entry winners were: first, Kialegee Tribal Town King Tony Martin; second, Kialegee Tribal Town Princess Agnes Marie Givens; and third, Little Miss Seminole Nation Lela Warledo.

Top three entrants in the Tribe, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department, Company, and Corporation category were: first, Little Miss Navajo-Creek Tamiko Dee; second, Supreme Court Justice Amos McNac and District Court Judge Patrick Moore; and third, Chinese Kara-Ho Kempo Karate, owned by tribal citizen Leslie Stone and husband, Timothy.

Entry Traveling the Farthest for the Parade was Little Miss Navajo-Creek of Farmington, N.M.



Kialegee Tribal Town Princess Agnes Marie Givens, pictured with her cousin, Benjamin Givens, placed second in the church, ceremonial ground, community category of the parade.



Miss Indian Oklahoma University Joy Endres — a Creek tribal citizen — rides in the parade.



Okmulgee Indian Community Lady Braves

FESTIVAL 04



Little Janesh Coffey gets the opportunity to cool down with an outdoor bath by mom, Carrie. The Coffeys drove from their Lawrence, Kan. home to attend the Festival.



Brandon Pierce receives a "blow" to the head by the hand of Creek boy Aaron Tecumseh. The youth are students of Sensei Timothy Stone, owner of Chinese Kara-Ho Kempo Karate, Okmulgee. Stone and his students gave a martial arts demonstration during the Festival.

Active Koweta Indian Community members Charlie and Martha Squire rehydrate with watermelon offered compliments of the National Council ladies.



Festival Archery shoot winners Dale Pinney, Creek, Delbert Brown, Shawnee, Thompson Gouge, Mvskoke, and Ashley Bear, Creek, mug for the camera after receiving their prize money. Placing in the traditional recurve category of the bow shoot were: first, Brown of Shawnee; second, Gouge of Weleetka; and third, Pinney of Pawhuska. Winners in the all wood stick bow shoot were: first, Gouge; second, Bear of Okemah; and third, Pinney.

FESTIVAL 04

Winners of the Festival Seniors' Games Domino Tournament were: first, Eileen Hobia and Evelyn McGirt, both of Holdenville; and second, Mickey Smith, Bristow, and Howard Asbury from Okmulgee.

Those placing in the Horseshoes Tournament were: first, Richard O'Fields, Okmulgee, and Brannon Tsoodle, Mountain View; second, Charlie Squire, Coweta, and Claude Fields, Yardeka.

Tom Shirley, Okmulgee, plays his rock while George Hicks, Dewar, waits his turn at the Seniors' Domino Tournament.



Honey Creek sisters Mary Sunny and Peggy Sunny Chalakee display one of the traditional *este cate* food items the church's United Methodist Women were selling at their food booth during the Festival.

Esther Martinez and Farran James, both of Tulsa, perform at the Festival gospel singing with a group from Second Chance Baptist Church of Tulsa.



An enthusiastic audience keeps time to the music of the Ada Harmonettes at the Festival gospel singing.

FASTPITCH SOFTBALL

After a long, hot weekend and thirteen teams down, the tribe's own Creek Nation Okmulgee Bingo took the Creek Nation Festival Women's Fastpitch Softball Championship for the second year.

Other placing teams were: second, All Tribes; third, Oklahoma Rebels; and fourth, Bacone.

Most valuable player was CNOB's third base player Robin White. All stars were: CNOB — Debbie Burgess, center field; Tara Casey, pitcher; Lou White, designated hitter; All Tribes — Serena Hill, center field; Pam Gibson, short stop; Lisa Smith, catcher; and Bacone pitcher Donya Taylor.

Placing in the men's championships were: first, Oklahoma-Kansas All Stars; second, Creek Nation Tulsa Bingo, "Tulsa Kings;" third, Kansas City Mogan Braves; and fourth, Oklahoma City Medicine Men.



Creek Nation Okmulgee Bingo's Genell LaSarge goes up to bat during the championship game as All Tribes' Lisa Smith prepares to catch the ball.



20th Annual Creek Nation Festival Men's Fastpitch Softball Champions are Oklahoma-Kansas All Stars: first row — Rick Littleaxe; Danny Littleaxe; Vernon Yarholer; Coach Andy Girty; Randy Fixico; Shawn Fixico; second row — Steve Scott; Charley LaSarge; Jeff Turtle; Allen Koity; Jess Scott; Eddie Fixico; Windy Ward; third row — Steve Girty; and Gary Girty.



Creek Nation Tulsa Bingo's Lee Joshua Jr. makes a run for first base and leaves Oklahoma-Kansas All Star's catcher Jeff Turtle in a small cloud of dust.

Tournament All Stars: Bryan "Chico" McGertt, Creek Nation Tulsa Bingo second base; Most Valuable Player Steve Scott, Oklahoma-Kansas pitcher; Mike Tiger, CNTB center field; Charley LaSarge, Oklahoma-Kansas third base; Jeff Turtle, Oklahoma-Kansas catcher; and Lee Joshua Jr., CNTB short stop.



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Wilson resigns administrative position to resume career at Oklahoma State University

OKMULGEE — Muscogee Nation Executive Director Jerry Wilson has resigned his position to resume his career at Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee.

Wilson assumed the position in February 1993 after receiving National Council confirmation and signing a three-year contract with the tribe. His last official day as a tribal employee was July 29. He resigned June 20 with more than a year and one-half remaining on his contract.

At OSU-Okmulgee, he was department head of the small business occupations program. He resumes the same position for the school.

Wilson has had more than 20 years experience in various roles with the Muscogee Nation. He was

the first editor of *The Muscogee Nation News*.

He has worked in the tribal education department as well as the housing improvement program. Wilson was also a four-time Tulsa District representative to the National Council. He vacated his Council seat to become executive director.

Wilson told the *Okmulgee Daily Times* that his reason for leaving the tribe was "just a professional decision in my life."

"[The tribe] has made a lot of progress with Chief Fife," Wilson said. "I think there have been several victories."

Wilson said the tribe has expanded

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A pensive Miss Mvskoke (Creek) Nation, Corina Beth Lowe, during the presentation of colors at the Muscogee Nation Annual Powwow. Lowe also served as powwow princess.

photo by Jim Wolfe

Tribal Johnson-O'Malley program co-sponsors youth conference

EUFULA — The fourth annual Johnson-O'Malley Youth Conference was held July 5 through 8 at Fountainhead Resort on Lake Eufaula.

Sponsored by the JOM programs of the respective Five Tribes, the theme of the conference was "Power Through Unity," developed for students age 14 through 17.

The Indian Education Committees of the 46 schools within Muscogee Nation jurisdiction were to nominate two youth who have demonstrated leadership, academic leadership, and personal pride, said Ken Taryole, manager of the Muscogee Nation JOM Program.

Students spent three days of intense training in leadership workshops, general sessions consisting of motivational speakers, various workshops relating to health, education, culture, and participating in their own individual clan groups.

Entertainment was provided by performance artist Litefoot and a variety show.

Morning wake-up sessions were given each day by Susan Whitehorse Johnson. Keynote speaker was Muscogee citizen Kim Brownfield, a silver medal winner in the Para-Olympics.

Additional activities included basketball, volleyball, horseshoe pitching, and a dance contest.

Twenty-three Muscogee Nation schools were represented. The following lists each student and his or her respective school:

Alicia Alsop and Justin Flanagan, Broken Arrow; Brandy Case and Amy Walkup, Paden; Jamie Coon and Seneca Smith, Okemah; Matthew Cummings and Sheila Feeling, Eufaula; Christy Demmit, Dewar; Alisa Douglas and Jess Harjochee, Mason; Fonda Frank and Joe Hicks, Ryal; Melanie Lewis, Sand Springs; April Lindsey, Stidham; Richie Moore, Wagoner; Brian

On-the-Hill, Preston; Beth Pickering and Jonita Rowe, Sapulpa; Erica Swirtz, Wagoner; Carly and Gina Tiger, Morris; and Nathan Wilson, Twin Hills.

The group received praise from the resort staff.

"It is a rare occurrence to find an entire group of young people as well-behaved, respectful, and considerate as your young people while they were here," said Catherine White, marketing representative for Fountainhead. "Their attitude is a direct reflection of your care and guidance. The youth of today will be the leaders of tomorrow. What a refreshing thought, if all young people [are] like yours."

Muscogee Nation Principal Chief Bill Fife said the JOM program is a success story itself.

"We contracted the JOM program in 1992 with

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Second Chief Crow discusses tribal cultural values

by Shelly S. Crow, second chief

I would like to commend the National Council for adopting and "appropriating funds each fiscal year as a permanent appropriation" as stated in "Ordinance NCA 90-106, an Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation establishing an account for appropriation of funds to Creek Students who have been selected/appointed for participation in extra-curricular activities with a recognized/ sanctioned educational and/or athletic organization." By virtue of this ordinance, we are promoting dignity and self-respect, administering our resources in a responsible and ethical manner, and rewarding Creek children who strive to achieve excellence, regardless of financial status or degree of blood.

I cannot understand why citizens of this Nation would complain or begrudge any child who applied for these funds the honor of being approved by the National Council and rewarded for his or her accomplishments. But there are some that do complain loudly. Based on scholastic achievement and a written essay, my son was chosen to attend a Young Leaders Conference in Washing-

ton. This trip will cost in excess of \$2,500. He submitted the conference details, his budget, CDIB, citizenship card; and the Council determined that he was deserving. Yet, there are citizens of our Nation that think he is ineligible for the funding because both his parents work to make a living and he is not one-half or more Creek by blood.

Like any parent, I'm troubled by the mixed moral signals we see today. Do we, as the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, only recognize the achievements of the disadvantaged? If both parents try to work and give their children security, do we penalize their children? Are we sending the message to sit back as adults, draw welfare, and apply for social services, only then will we recognize and help you, your children and their achievements?

Why not teach them Creek family values? Why not teach them that being Creek is not how much blood they have listed on their citizenship card, but their understanding of our heritage, their allegiance to Creek traditions, and to the Creek people. In the 1800s, thin bloods were not children of white men, less than

one-half, but any Indians who did not practice Creek traditions and act in the Creek ways. A white man could be accepted as a full blood based on his beliefs, his actions, and how he was accepted by members of the tribe. The Creek Confederacy was a blending of all peoples into one culture and tribe.

The thrust of all our efforts should be to find, what I would call, a third way to approach to "Creek family" -- beyond just cheerleading for tradition, blood degree, and family values on the one hand, and on the other hand, the old big-government notion that there's a program for every social problem of the poor. This third way approach is a common-sense path that offers opportunity to Creek children and families in return for more personal responsibility and the assumption of more Creek family values. I know tradition and family values alone can't feed a hungry child. And material security alone cannot provide a moral compass. We must develop both.

We need to change our course. The question is what are we going to do about it? Creek family values can't simply be, if you or your parents are working and you have money "you're on your own" -- "if you or your parents are disadvantaged, we have assistance for you". Nobody is on their own in this country. We're all in this together.

If Creek, family, and values are going to mean something, we must offer the citizens of this Nation the third way approach -- a nation that guarantees opportunity for every family, a culture that demands responsibility from every individual, and a government who rewards both children and adults who

strive to succeed.

The more we ignore the current mindset of today, the more we'll all pay for it tomorrow in lost economic strength, in increased violence, in poorer education, in nonexistent traditions and language, in dysfunctional families, and in lost futures.

One of the Creek values my family pounded into me was that if I worked hard and played by the rules, I'd be rewarded -- and I have been. We were taught to take responsibility for ourselves and for each other. And we were taught that if we did, we would do better.

So now is the time to start and this is a good beginning:

- first, we should reward work and family, teach our children traditions and culture, instill dignity and self-respect in them for who they are. They have every reason to be proud to be a part of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation;

- second, we need to improve our program services system so that it puts people back to work and ends permanent dependency.

- third, we need to help parents do the best possible job of raising their kids. This government can't create good parents, but it can make it easier for them to tend to their children's needs;

- Fourth, we can promote the family's crucial role in education, by putting increased emphasis on enlisting parents as their children's first teachers. The Head Start programs with the most long-lasting benefits for children are those in which the parents' role is the greatest, no matter how limited the parents' own educational skills;

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Letters to the editor

Indian industry offends reader Editor:

There is a story at Arrowhead Industries in Denver, Colo., but an electronic powwow it is not (*Rocky Mountain News*, March 15, 1994).

The newsman is not the first to be fooled by Kenneth Carlos Hunt and his Indian spirit act. I expect lawsuits to be filed [in August] and this will strengthen the cause of federally-recognized tribes.

Here are a few facts about Hunt and his "Indian" business:

- Hunt cannot produce a single piece of legitimate evidence that he is even part-Indian;

- Hunt claims to be a Choctaw, but for 48 years has been unable to acquire membership in the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma;

- his parents are living and do not have Choctaw membership either;

- Hunt also claims Cherokee blood, but only last fall acquired membership in the Echota-Cherokee tribe of Alabama;

- the Echota-Cherokee tribe of Alabama is not a federally recognized Indian tribe;

- the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma does not recognize the Echota-Cherokee tribe of Alabama;

- the principal officer in a an Indian-owned company must be a member of a federally-recognized tribe and Hunt is not;

- Hunt was aware of that federal requirement when he allowed himself to be made president of Arrowhead Industries after a hostile takeover of the company;

- those involved with the takeover were also aware of Hunt's non-Indian status;

- Hunt and Arrowhead Industries were denied certification by the Small Disadvantaged Business Division of the State of Colorado but has continued to operate;

- Hunt was hired at Arrowhead in March 1993 through the Job Training Partnership Act Program at minimum wage;

- the only job Hunt had prior to March 1993 was that of lot attendant at a storage locker facility -- Shurgard, North County, San Diego, Calif.;

- Hunt has no management experience;

- Hunt moved from Shurgard, to the JTPA program, to president of Arrowhead within six months; and

- U.S. Senator Ben Nighthorse

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Tribal briefs

Justices to meet appellate judge

DENVER, Colo. — Two tribal court judges have been invited to attend a U.S. Court of Appeals judicial conference at the invitation of the court's chief judge.

Muscogee Nation Supreme Court Chief Justice Richard LerBlance and tribal district court judge Pat Moore will attend the U.S. Court of Appeals Tenth Circuit Judicial Conference in Denver Aug. 10 through 12. The pair were invited to the conference by appeals court chief judge Stephanie Seymour.

Seymour met LerBlance and Moore at the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission Indian Sovereignty Symposium in Tulsa earlier this summer. From that meeting Seymour invited the tribal judges to attend. U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Ginsburg, former justice Byron White, and U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno are expected to attend also.

LerBlance is serving his first term as chief justice of the Muscogee Nation Supreme Court. He was appointed to the court by former Principal Chief Claude Cox in 1990. Moore is serving his third term as district court judge. He was appointed by Cox in 1987.



photo by Jim Wolfe

Oklahoma attorney general candidate Drew Edmondson, third from left, presented his license to practice before the Muscogee Nation Supreme Court at a reception held July 15 in Okmulgee. Appearing with Edmondson are from left to right, tribal district court judge Pat Moore, Muscogee Nation Principal Chief Bill Fife, and tribal Supreme Court Justice Mike Flud.

Council overrides veto, approves tribal town land request

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee National Council overrode one executive veto and postponed another at the July 30 regular session.

The 36-member tribal legislature voted to 25-6 to override a veto of an ordinance that requested the U.S. Secretary of Interior to convey the title of certain lands to the descendants of Sam Perryman Sr. of the Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes District.

Principal Chief Bill Fife vetoed the bill citing two objections — no judicial determination of the heirs of Perryman's predeceased son, Dallas Sam Perryman and absolute title could allow the disposal of property at any time.

Voting for the override were: Duke Harjo and Phyllis Warrington, Creek District; Thomas Yahola, Hughes-Seminole District; Sandy McIntosh, Thomas McIntosh, and Yahola Townsend, McIntosh District; Frances Pease, Muskogee District; Mae Jackson, Clyde Johnson, and Wynema Roberts, Okfuskee District; A.D. Ellis, Anderson Hale, Jim Harjo, Dave Lewis, Charlie Litsey, Peggy Lyda, and David Nichols, Okmulgee District; Larry Bible, Steve Bruner, Irene Cleghorn, Jesse Kelley, Earl King, and Edwin Moore, Tulsa District; and Richard Berryhill and Barbara Gillespie, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes District.

Voting against the override were: Darrell Coachman, Tim Fife, and Dwayne Lowe, Hughes-Seminole District; Helen Chupco and Charlie Coker, Muskogee District and Bruce Smith, Okfuskee District.

Absent from the meeting were: Leah Jack and Earl Wheeler, Creek District; Wilbur Gouge and Tommy Newton, McIntosh District; and Perry Beaver, Tulsa District.

In other business, the Council:

— voted unanimously (30-0) to postpone consideration of the chief's veto of an ordinance establishing

Council approves supplemental funding at special session

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) National Council approved a supplemental appropriation and matching funds for proposed block grant at a July 15 special session.

The 36-member tribal legislature approved supplemental funding to nine programs and agencies for a total of \$177,870. The money will be taken from the Indian Health Service lawsuit funds and distributed to the election board, emergency housing repair, roof repair, Kellyville Indian Community, church repair, special needs adoption program, National Council, children and family services, and burial assistance.

The bill was approved unanimously (31-0).

Voting for the supplement were: Duke Harjo, Leah Jack, Phyllis Warrington, and Earl Wheeler, Creek District; Darrell Coachman, Tim Fife, Dwayne Lowe, and Thomas Yahola, Hughes-Seminole District; Wilbur Gouge, Sandy McIntosh, Thomas McIntosh,

and Yahola Townsend, McIntosh District; Helen Chupco, Charlie Coker, and Frances Pease, Muskogee District; Mae Jackson, Clyde Johnson, Wynema Roberts, and Bruce Smith, Okfuskee District; A.D. Ellis, Anderson Hale, Jim Harjo, Dave Lewis, Peggy Lyda, and David Nichols, Okmulgee District; Perry Beaver, Irene Cleghorn, Jess Kelley, Earl King, Tulsa District; and Richard Berryhill and Barbara Gillespie, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes District.

The Council also approved matching funds of \$540,000 for land acquisition and buildings for the Sapulpa, Tulsa, Twin Hills, and Weleetka communities. The funds will be expended upon receipt of the grant.

The Council voted 28-2-1 for the appropriation. Voting against the measure were: Jackson, Okfuskee District; and Nichols, Okmulgee District. Johnson, Okfuskee District, abstained.

a Muscogee (Creek) Nation Health Systems — Hospital and Clinics Act of 1994.

Fife objected to the scope of the bill and questioned the legal and constitutional authority of the bill and the system it would create as well as others in his veto message of NCA 94-10;

— approved (28-2) a resolution authorizing Speaker Steve Bruner to request the Office of the Inspector General to conduct an independent audit of the Muscogee Nation and its entities. Sponsored by Roberts, Okfuskee District, the resolution alleges several executive policies, including the administration's wage and salary guidelines, are unconstitutional. The health care programs and lighthouse administration

were also cited by Roberts who alleges the two programs have violated tribal and federal laws.

Voting against the resolution were: Coachman and Fife, Hughes-Seminole District. Bruner conducted the meeting and did not vote;

— approved unanimously (30-0) an amendment to NCA 92-162, regulating public gaming, to comply with federal submission requirements;

— approved unanimously (30-0) to appropriate \$6,000 to the Yardeka Indian Community smoke shop to replace tobacco inventory that was taken in a July 7 burglary. The funding source will be determined by the tribal treasury;

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Tribal enrollment procedures outlined

OKMULGEE — Increasing demands on the Muscogee Nation Citizenship Board and the number of new tribal enrollment applications has placed a tremendous workload on the staff said, citizenship board chair Martha Houle.

Houle issued a release detailing the enrollment process and identifying several ways to quicken the procedure.

"Currently, it may take eight to 10 weeks to get the enrollment processed," Houle said. "In some cases, when this office must secure additional information, the process takes longer."

A person seeking tribal enrollment must apply for citizenship through the citizenship board. The following is also required upon application:

- a valid state-certified birth certificate or certificate degree of Indian blood (CDIB);
- a delayed birth certificate must include supporting documentation (social security abstract if parent(s) listed, probated will, school records);
- a death certificate can be used with supporting documentation;
- social security number; and
- if adopted and seeking citizenship, a birth certificate listing the adoptive parents and an adoption petition and decree that lists biological parent(s) that were Muscogee (Creek) by blood is required.

"Although this office is working hard to reach our goal of shortening the enrollment process, there are many steps involved in this process," Houle said. "Some people think they can walk in and receive their card immediately."

"This office receives up to [one] hundred applications a week that must be sorted and many of these are returned for a lack of proper documentation."

The citizenship board staff has to verify the information which means researching documents and in some instances, other tribes must be contacted to as-

Tribal citizenship board mission explained pursuant to Muscogee Nation Constitution

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship Board was established by the Muscogee Constitution for the purpose of installing a tribal roll.

The five-member board's primary responsibility is to maintain that roll by requiring that each applicant's degree of blood be based upon the final rolls, prepared pursuant to the Act of April 26, 1906.

Muscogee (Creek) Indians eligible for membership are those whose names appear on the final rolls as provided by the Act of April 26, 1906.

The citizenship board certifies tribal enrollment to applicants provided that:

- the individual is Muscogee (Creek) by blood and is listed on the final rolls; or
- is a lineal descendent of a Muscogee (Creek) person listed on the final rolls; and
- is not an enrolled member of another tribe.

Full citizenship is granted to individuals who are at least one-quarter degree Muscogee (Creek).

Individuals under one-quarter degree Muscogee maintain the same rights and entitlements as other members — except the right to hold tribal, political office.

All tribal programs require that recipients be enrolled citizens of the Muscogee Nation. Among tribal programs that require its beneficiaries be tribally enrolled include: higher education tribal and incentive grants; social services emergency hardship assistance; children and family services administration school clothing program; consumer loans; as well as *The Muscogee Nation News*.

The tribal citizenship board is located in the Solomon McCombs Executive Office Building, just south of the office of the principal chief, in the south west wing.

For more information on applying for tribal citizenship, write: P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK, 74447; or call (918) 756-8700.

sure that their is no dual enrollment. According to the Muscogee Constitution, tribal citizenship is exclusive.

Houle said it is the board's policy to process citizenship applications on a first-come-first-serve basis.

"It is not fair to others to have to delay their applications just for those who have waited to enroll in order to meet a deadline for a scholarship, school clothing, etc.," Houle said. "The applications will be processed as they are received. No exceptions."

Houle suggests parents enroll their children as soon

as a birth certificate and social security number are obtained for them.

She also said some people confuse the CDIB with tribal citizenship.

The CDIB only establishes blood quantum and is obtained from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The citizenship card entitles Muscogee Nation membership and is required for tribal service programs.

The citizenship office also verifies tribal enrollment for other tribal agencies, programs and departments, other tribes, as well as individuals.

Program briefs

LaSarge recognized for achievement

OKMULGEE — Muscogee citizen Charley LaSarge received a certificate of appreciation from the Food Nutrition Service- U.S. Department of agriculture for his involvement in the day-to-day operation of the food distribution program within the southwest region.

LaSarge is the manager of the tribe's food distribution program that supplies commodity surpluses to eligible Indian families residing within the Muscogee Nation boundaries. He was chosen from other food distribution programs in Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

LaSarge is a four-year member and first vice president of the National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations as well as a



LaSarge

seven-year member and president of the Oklahoma-New Mexico Food Action Committee of Tribes. LaSarge also chairs a legislative resolution committee for changes within the food distribution program and is the vice chair for the Southwest Regional Advisory Council.

LaSarge said he is using his positions to make changes in the program regulations. Currently, he is attempting to change the status of the Creek Nation Elderly Housing-Okmulgee in order to provide them with on-site service.

A tribal employee since 1985, LaSarge has been food distribution manager since 1986. He and his wife, Della, reside in Okmulgee. He is the father of Charlene, Charley II, Carmen, and Charlotte.

Wise named to board

ARLINGTON, Va. — Muscogee citizen Janet Wise has been appointed interim chair for the National Indian Child Care Association at the national meeting held in June. The organization's purpose is to promote quality child care for Indian children as well as to gather and disseminate program information for

all tribes awarded child care development block grant programs.

Wise is the coordinator for the child care development block grant for the Muscogee Nation Children and Family Services Administration. She has been employed with the Muscogee Nation since 1991.

Clinic to relocate to improved facilities

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Public Health's Okmulgee Dental Clinic will relocate to a new office by fall. Chief dental officer Dr. Doug White said the current facility is too small for the demand for services. The clinic currently has five patient chairs. The new clinic — located at 1313 E. 20th St. — will accommodate 12 patient chairs. In addition to nine regular stations, two chairs will be used for oral surgery. A room and chair will be used exclusively for small children also.

White said the new clinic will be one of the best facilities within the Indian Health Service. The clinic staff's objective is to provide comprehensive services, including on-site specialty care such as orthodontics and periodontics.

In brief

Allottee to celebrate birthday

OKEMAH — Friends and relatives of Edna Monday Yahola are invited to attend a "come and go" reception to honor her 92nd birthday Sept. 3.

The reception will be held at Okemah Indian Community Center from 1 to 4 p.m.

She was born Sept. 2, 1902 to March Monday and Lizzie Randall at Schulter. Maternal grandparents are Thomas and Miney Randall. Paternal grandparents are Monday Chupco Hesvhoke.

The family recommends that no gifts be brought; birthday love offerings will be accepted, but are not required.

Yahola attended the Nuyaka Mission north of Okfuskee, Dwight Mission near Vian, and Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kan. The community center is located two blocks south of Interstate 40 and state highway 27.

Marshall family reunion

HENRYETT A — A reunion of the Marshall family will be held on Sept. 5 at Nichols Park.

Lunch will be served at 1 p.m.

Those planning to attend are advised to bring lawn chairs.

Nichols Park is located one and nine-tenths of a mile south of Main Street on New Lake Road.

Roberts family reunion

OKEMAH — The Roberts Family Fifth Annual Reunion will be Sept. 3 at the Nuyaka Indian Baptist Church

beginning at 11 a.m. Activities include volleyball, kid games, and entertainment for the elderly.

Volleyball games begin early so all teams should sign in early. All families are asked to bring a covered dish for dinner. For more information, contact Louise McNac at (918) 623-9778 or Pat Pigeon at (918) 623-0377. Prizes will be given for the youngest and the oldest descendant and for the one who travels the farthest to the reunion.

Citizen receives degree

ADA — Emily Cooper graduated from East Central University with a bachelor of science degree in education in May.

Her field of study emphasized office technology and business education. She also received special endorsements in vocational business and elementary keyboarding. She is employed by the City of Bristow Clerks Office.

Cooper is a 1988 graduate of Depew High School. She is the granddaughter of Howard and Paulette Cooper, Depew, and Nevada P. Ralston Cooper, also of Depew.

Sisters have good school year

CARROLLTON, Texas — Jamie Burley is one of 41 senior high students to be selected by the California Institute of Technology to participate in its young engineer and science scholars program.

The five-week-program consisted of

Robisons observe 54th anniversary

UPPER LAKE, Calif. — Willis and Louise Robison celebrated their 54th Wedding anniversary recently. Mr. Robison is the son of the late Joe Robison of Weleetka. Mrs. Robison is the daughter of the late W.C. Ramey of Weleetka. The couple were married June 22, 1940 in Dustin.



The Robisons

laboratories, projects, field trips, and lectures by guest speakers. Burley also participated in an engineering project led by an undergraduate research fellow.

She is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Spanish Honor Society. Burley participates in the marching band and the Wind Symphony. She is an active volunteer in the community also.

Amanda Burley has been promoted to the sixth grade at Rosemeade Baptist Christian School.

She was listed on the high honor roll throughout the 1993-94 school year. She won the fifth grade spelling bee and won first place in two poetry oration contests

— winning in the categories of historical and freestyle. She also placed second in a science fair competition and participated in the Association of Christian Schools International Math Olympics.

The girls are the daughters of Jim and Hattie Burley of Carrollton and the granddaughters of Norman Shine and the late Anna Miller.



J. Burley



A. Burley

Morris Creeks place at show
OKLAHOMA CITY — Morris Middle School Students Seth Wahnee and Laura A. Wilson won honors at the Red Earth Festival in June.

Wahnee won first place and \$100 in the age 13 to 15 division of traditional crafts. He entered a handmade tomahawk adorned with brass and feathers. He is Creek-Comanche and the son of Lisa and Kim Potts.

Wilson was awarded first place and \$100 in the age 10 to 12 sculpture division. Her entry was a sculpted and hand painted raccoon. She also entered basket and painting divisions.

Both Wahnee and Wilson will be seventh grade students at Morris Middle School. Other Morris students that entered and received certificates of participation were: Darren Rock, 6, Creek-Cherokee; Clinton Wilson, 10, Creek; Matthew Payne, 18, Creek; and John Billie, 18, Creek-Seminole. Sharry Mouss, 9, Creek-Cherokee, of Henryetta and James W. Fife, 10, Creek, of Dustin also entered.



Wahnee



Wilson



KELLYVILLE — The Kellyville Bombers have been named 1994 Coach Pitch Champions. Five of the team members are tribal citizens. Pictured on the front row, from left to right are: Aaron Conley, Cody Buckley, Justin Buckley, Todd Wade, Cody Buchanan, Brian Waltrip, and James Boyd. The second row includes: Justin Didlott, Brian Williams, Nick Watkins, Mike Watashe, Jason Dennison, and Kenny Pack. Pictured in the third row are coaches: John Buchanan, Ron Williams, Tommy Waltrip, Todd Russell, and not pictured is Don McIntosh.

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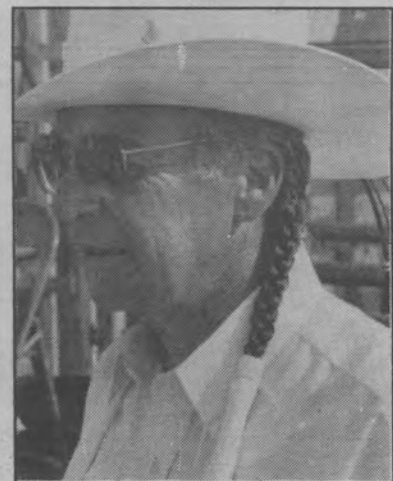


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hanks to Don Beaver for his effort in coordinating the third annual Muscogee Nation Powwow. His work provided the foundation for success. Also,

thanks to David Proctor for contacting ceremonial grounds to participate in the July 29 stomping dance. See you next year. Mvto.

— Second Chief Shelly Crow, 1994 Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo Committee Chair



Beaver

Muscogee religion briefs

Birthday service planned for minister

HILLDALE — A 7 p.m., Aug. 23 birthday service is being given by the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference Northeast District Retired Ministers Committee for Rev. Lee Chupco. The speaker will be Rev. Jerry Baker — pastor for Choska Circuit churches.

Committee member Rev. Taylor Harjo said that everyone is invited to attend.

Exit east at the intersection of U.S. Highway 69 and Peak Boulevard (across the highway from Creek Nation Muskogee Bingo), drive two miles to Grandview Center and exit north onto the service road. Drive east for two blocks and exit north onto Grandview Boulevard and drive five blocks. The Chupco residence is located at 517 Grandview Blvd. If further directions are necessary, call the Chupco residence at (918) 687-1438.

Northeast District Youth to elect officers

PRESTON — The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference Northeast District Youth will be electing officers at a 9:30 a.m., Aug. 20 meeting.

The election will take place at the Northeast District Center, located three-fourths of a mile east of U.S. Highway 75 and Preston. For more information, contact N.E. District youth coordinator Rev. David Wilson at (918) 456-5395.

Northeast District Youth hold annual camp

PRESTON — "Who is Jesus" was the theme for the 1994 Northeast District Youth Camp held June 26 through July 1.

Approximately 85 youth and adults from Mvskoke, Yuchi, Seminole, Choctaw, Cherokee, Sioux, Pawnee, Kiowa, Cheyenne-Arapaho, Navajo, and other tribes participated during the week.

The youth were addressed by the following preachers and speakers: Rev. Harry Long, Seminole Hitchitee; Rev. Julianne Judd, Pickett Chapel; Rev. Cecil Riding In, Pawnee United Methodist Church; Bacone College Theater Group; and Will

Hill of Tulsa.

The youth also raised \$130 for the Youth Service Fund — a national mission service operated by United Methodist youth throughout the U.S.

Churches represented at the camp were: Yeager; Choska; Pickett Chapel; Concharty; Seminole Hitchitee; Fife Memorial; Newtown; Tulsa Indian; Big Cussetah; Claremore; Honey Creek; Springtown; and Billy Hooten.

Northeast District Youth Coordinator Rev. David Wilson said the youth would like to thank the Muscogee Nation Office of the Principal Chief for providing photocopies of the youth newsletter and the lighthouse administration for providing services.

District announces pastor appointments

ANADARKO — Appointments for the Northeast District of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference were made June 12 at the annual conference.

The appointments and reappointments are:

- Choska Circuit, Rev. Jerry Baker;
- Newtown, Rev. Clarence Bigler;
- Billy Hooten, Dr. Richard Bush;
- Honey Creek Circuit, Rev. Jerry Baker;
- Yeager Circuit, Rev. Jackie Davis;
- Nagawee, Rev. Alvin Deere;
- Mutteloke, Rev. Steve Floch;
- Broken Arrow, Rev. Newman Frank Sr.;
- Pickett Chapel, Rev. Julianne Judd;
- Seminole Hitchitee, Rev. Harry Long;
- Wetumka Circuit, Rev. Ray McGilbray;
- Fife Memorial, Rev. Paul Samuels;
- Kaney Chapel, Rev. Carol Walker;
- Bixby Circuit, Rev. David Wilde;
- Tulsa Indian, Rev. Tim Byington;
- New Hope, Rev. Dave Long Sr.; and
- Claremore Christ, Rev. Anita Phillips.

Obituaries

ELOUISE KALER MONTGOMERY

OKMULGEE — Graveside services were held July 2 for Elouise "Cindy" Kaler Montgomery.

The service was officiated by Rev. Bob Burch, with Rev. John Lowe assisting.

Montgomery died June 29. She was born March 10, 1958 in Henryetta to Claude and Nancy Kaler.

She was a homemaker.

Survivors include: her husband, Jeff of Okmulgee; a daughter, Stephanie Adrienne Thomas Burrows of Okmulgee; a son, Rodney Len Thomas of Okmulgee; seven sisters, Dos Gann of Okmulgee, Barbara Fogle of Hanna, Mae Turpin Kaler of Hilo, Hawaii, Janie Palen Coen of Chelsea, Sarah Peeler of Okmulgee, Dee-Dee Kaler Fish of Dustin, and Tracy Shelton of Ponca City; three brothers, Danny and Max Kaler, both of Okmulgee, James Kaler of Muskogee; and a host of other family members.

Interment was at Okmulgee Cemetery.

JUANITA FIFE

DUSTIN — Funeral services were held July 1 at Thewarle Baptist Church for Juanita Fife of Dustin. Rev. Eastman and Eugene Whitlow officiated.

Fife was preceded in death by: her husband, Josey and son, Joey. They she was married to Mr. Fife in 1945.

She is survived by: daughters, Anna J. Wefner and Frances Belcher, Sapulpa; sons, Jim Fife, Sapulpa and Richard "Tuskee" Phillips, Tulsa; brother, William West, Bowlegs; sister, Nora West, Henryetta; two

grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Frank Belcher; Berlyn Wefer; Jeff Byington; Jerry Sumka; and Brian Fife. Honorary pallbearers were: Jack Robertson; Phillip Coon; George Roftis; Barton Looney; and George Gray.

Interment was in New Sonora Cemetery.

WALTER McHENRY

BROKEN ARROW — Funeral services for Walter McHenry were held July 6 at Broken Arrow United Indian Methodist Church.

Services were officiated by Rev. Newman Frank Sr., with Rev. Tim Byington assisting.

Prayer services were held July 5 at Broken Arrow United Methodist Church.

He was born on June 17, 1913 to Lewis and Ida Kelly McHenry in Weer Community. A lifelong resident of Broken Arrow, he was a 1932 graduate of Broken Arrow High School.

He married Josephine Alexander on Oct. 1, 1936 in Broken Arrow. He was a retired landscaper, having worked for Oral Roberts University for 13 years.

He was a certified lay speaker of the United Methodist Church, a member of the Northeast District Senior Methodists, and a member of Broken Arrow United Indian Methodist Church.

Survivors include: his wife; sons, Ronald of Coweta, and Chuck of Broken Arrow; daughters, Janis Imotichey of Milburn, Teena Boyce of Broken Arrow; sons-in-law, Jerry Imotichey and Mike Boyce; and daughters-in-law, Martha and Ruth McHenry; brother, Onis McHenry of Pryor; and sister-in-law Louise McHenry; 17 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; several nieces; and nephews.

Gratitude

I would like to thank the volunteers that helped clean at Springfield Church Cemetery Memorial weekend.

Families with loved ones interred at the cemetery try to clean each weekend before Memorial weekend. We hope this will generate more participation by people with relatives interred in the cemetery.

The family of Palmer Barnett has taken care of the cemetery for over 35 years. We appreciate and can utilize donations of time, money and supplies. We can specifically use white exterior paint, weed killer, and gas for lawn mowers. Donations may be deposited at the residence of Mrs. Martel Barnett. For more information, write her at: Rt. 2, Box 63, Wetumka, OK, 74883.

Our family would like to express its sincere thanks and appreciation to all who expressed acts of kindness and love during the time of our loss.

The Cindy Kaler Montgomery Family

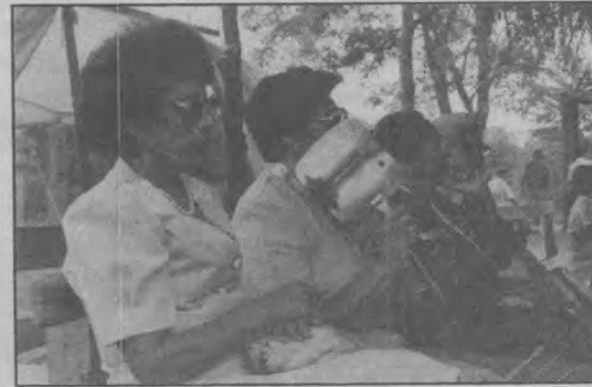
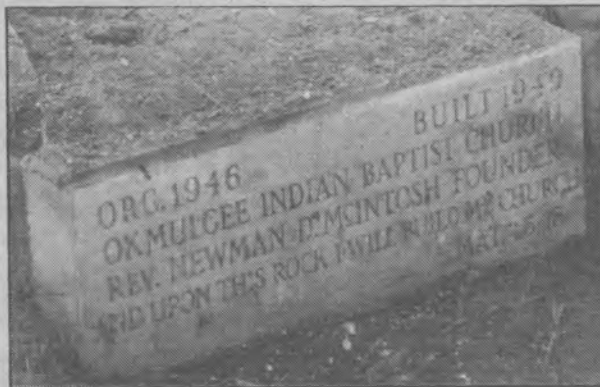
We would like to thank all individuals that supported us during the loss of our beloved mother-sister-grandmother.

Whether you sent food, cards, or floral arrangements — offered words of consolation or kept us in your thoughts and prayers — your support is appreciated.

The Juanita Fife Family

Okmulgee Baptist Church rebuilding

photos by Stephanie Berryhill and Jim Wolfe



Okmulgee Baptist Church is erecting a new church building. Several members of the church are volunteering their skills and time to the effort. From left, remains of the old tabernacle smoulder at the church grounds. The cornerstone of the old sanctuary remains as a reminder of the church's founding and will be incorporated in the new building. Thewarle Baptist Church mothers Lela Looney, Pearl Day, Lucille and Rosanna Whitlow try to cool off under the shade of Okmulgee Baptist's brush arbor. Services will be held under the arbor until the completion of the new building in the fall.

Religious briefs

Deep Fork Hillabee hog fry and sing

ONAPA — Deep Fork Hillabee Baptist Church will have a hog fry and gospel singing Aug. 13 at the church. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. with singing to begin at 7:30 p.m. All singers and listeners are welcome and all are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. To get to the church, exit U.S. Highway 69 south of Interstate 40 to the Onapa Road and follow the signs to the church. For more information, contact Rufus Gould at (918) 251-4936.



Jessie Kernell, Billy Hooten UMC, slams Concharty member Teana Wilson with a pie in the face. The Northeast District Youth held the pie throw at their annual camp to raise money for the United Methodist Youth Service Fund.

Many Springs Baptist singing

HOLDENVILLE — Many Springs Baptist Church will host their annual gospel singing at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 13. Concessions will be available. Everyone is welcome to attend and encouraged to bring lawn chairs. The church is located six miles south of Holdenville off state highway 48.

Belvin Baptist hosts conference

OKMULGEE — Belvin Baptist Church will host the Oklahoma Indian Leadership Conference Oct. 6 through 8. The church is located at 320 N. Mission. Rev. John Buckner is the pastor. For more information, contact Buckner at (918) 756-9495.



photo by Mary Sue Peak

Rev. Bill Alexander, pastor Indian Fellowship Baptist Church and a former member of Middle Creek Baptist Church No. 1, and Hettie Alexander, member Middle Creek Baptist Church No. 1 member, rest in the shade during the church's 125th anniversary homecoming celebration held in July.

MSW annual meeting set

YARDEKA — The Muscogee-Seminole-Wichita Indian Baptist Association will host its 119th Annual Meeting Aug. 18 through 20. The meeting begins at 1:30 p.m., Aug. 18.

Religious briefs

Salt Creek Methodist Church

WETUMKA — Salt Creek United Methodist Church's annual gospel singing begins at 7 p.m., Sept. 10. Al Brown is the master of ceremonies. All singers are welcome. Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. Concessions will be available.

The church is located seven miles west of Wetumka on state highway 9 and two miles south. From Holdenville, the church is eight miles north on state highway 48 and two miles east.

Notices

Haskell celebrates 110 years of existence

LAWRENCE, Kan. — One-hundred and ten years of Haskell will be celebrated during a grand reunion scheduled for Labor Day weekend, Sept. 2 through 4.

The Haskell Reunion Steering Committee has planned activities celebrating the evolution of Haskell from its beginning, through the high school, post high school, and junior college years.

Activities include: Haskell Indian Nations University classroom visits; an ice cream social; a reception; tailgate party and football game; a gospel singing; social buffet; and "prom dance;" campus church worship, and a "pigroast" potluck.

Committee members are: Phil Homeratha; Thomas Jimboy; Rosemary Mills Jimboy; Dempsey Micco; Judy Skenadore Allen; Stanley Ross; and Rose Wilson. For more information, contact Mrs. Jimboy at (913) 842-2525 or write: 1316 Fairlane, Lawrence, Kan. 66046.

Tulsa fire department hiring firefighters

TULSA — The City of Tulsa Fire Department will be evaluating candidates for the position of firefighter. Evaluations will be held at 2 p.m., Aug. 29, 9 p.m. and 6 p.m., Aug. 30, and 2 p.m., Aug. 31.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- be at least 21 years of age;
- possess no felony convictions or crimes of moral turpitude;
- possess no dishonorable discharges from the Armed Forces;
- possess a high school diploma or GED;
- have corrected vision of at least 20/30 in both eyes, visual acuity of at least 20/100 without correction, and be able to distinguish between the colors red, green, and yellow; and
- have normal hearing in both ears without hearing aid devices.

The selection process consists of a series of steps which must be successfully completed before progressing to the next step. This includes: a written examination; job application; physical agility test; background investigation and reference check; and panel interview. For more information, contact the Tulsa Fire Department Recruitment Officer at (918) 596-9418.

Tulsa station seeks air personality

TULSA — KHTT (K-HITS 106.9) is seeking to hire an experienced radio personality. To arrange an interview or for more information, contact program director Mike Ring at (918) 492-2020.

Station filling office, sales, on-air positions
COFFEYVILLE, KAN. — KGGF and KUSN

are seeking both experienced and entry level applicants for positions ranging from office and sales to on-air announcing and engineering. KGGF and KUSN maintain an equal employment policy. For more information, contact general manager Al Cline at (316) 251-3800.

Center holding entrepreneur's workshop

TULSA — The Oklahoma Native American Business Development Center is holding a workshop at 10 a.m., Aug. 26 at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Independent Agencies (mound) Building.

The workshop, "Financing Business Development in Indian Country," is geared toward Indian business owners and others who work with business development among Indians. The workshop will provide information on various types of business loans available from government agencies and conventional lenders. Among topics are: Bureau of Indian Affairs grants; direct and guaranteed loans; and U.S. Small Business Administration guaranteed loans.

The workshop is being held in conjunction with Minority Enterprise Development Week.

The workshop is free of charge. Muskogee Indian Community will be providing lunch for a fee of \$5. For more information, write ONABDC at: 5727 S. Garnett, Suite C, Tulsa, OK 74146-6823 or call (918) 250-5950.

Oklahoma site of U.N. study workshop

STILLWATER — Oklahoma State University has been selected as a one of eight national workshop sites for a study being conducted by the United Nations General Assembly.

The U.N. is conducting a study on treaties and constructive agreements between states and Indigenous Peoples. The study is documenting and investigating the history and legal status of treaties and other agreements made between indigenous peoples and colonial governments.

The workshops are being conducted throughout the U.S. to inform people of the study. The Oklahoma workshop will be held Sept. 24 and 25 at OSU Student Union.

Oklahoma State University Multicultural Development and Assessment Center will host a presentation and workshop on the study. The workshop is being co-hosted by the Coalition for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The International Indian Treaty Council is the sponsoring agency for this project.

For more information, contact Jackie Warledo, Coalition for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, at (918) 743-6530, or Pete Coser, OSU, at (405) 744-5481.

State warns heat can cause illness

OKLAHOMA CITY — In 1993, 14 Oklahomans lost their lives because of heat-related illnesses.

Twelve of those victims were over the age of 40. The Oklahoma State Department of Health warns that prolonged exposure and physical activity in high temperatures can result in heat-related illnesses which may cause stroke or death.

At particular risk are the elderly — whose body cooling mechanism may not adjust to increases in air temperatures, or take medicines which decrease their ability to deal with heat. Heat precautions are also advised for persons with heart, lung, or kidney problems.

To reduce the potential for health hazards which could result from heat exposure, the health department advises the following precautions:

- reduce physical activity and relocate to a cooler environment;
- keep air circulating through the use of air conditioners, fans, or open windows. Air circulation is important because it carries heat away from the body, allowing it to cool;
- drink plenty of fluids such as water, fruit and vegetable juices, and iced tea. Avoid alcoholic beverages;
- avoid hot foods and heavy meals as they add to the body's heat;
- wear lightweight and light-colored clothing to reflect heat and sunlight;
- cool the body by taking cool baths or showers;
- if on medication, ask physician if it will interfere with the body's ability to sweat.

Legal notice

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In the matters of JV 91-03, JV 92-01, and JV 92-08

Comes now affiant, Leonard Gouge of Muscogee (Creek) Nation, who being first duly sworn, upon his oath states that he is an authorized agent of Children and Family Services Administration, the petitioner in the above styled and numbered causes filed in the District Court, Juvenile Division, for Muscogee (Creek) Nation, on the 21st day of June 1994, alleging the children to be delinquent-deprived-in need of supervision-in need of treatment.

Affiant further states that this cause is one of the class under tribal law in which service by publication may be made upon a party; that the whereabouts of the children's father and or mother, are unknown; that after due search and diligent inquiry as reflected in the appendix to affidavit which is incorporated by reference-petitioner has been unable to ascertain an address at which personal service may be given; and, that affiant requests the Court to enter an order authorizing publication service to the father and/or mother.

Last initiated medicine man speaks to Broken Arrow group

by Kathleen Wallace, *Broken Arrow Ledger*

BROKEN ARROW — David Lewis, last of the initiated Mvskoke medicine men, spoke recently to the Roadrunners Travel Club at the Broken Arrow Senior Center.

Lewis said there were eight initiated medicine people left in the fall of 1940.

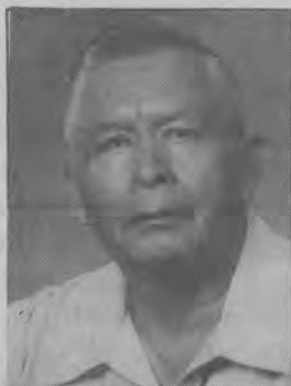
"I am the only one left that has the origin of our medicine," Lewis said. "They had to select one that can be tested before being placed as a medicine man. The tests reveal how that person will act 50 to 60 years later."

Lewis has not found anyone to take his place as the main *helas haya*.

"I am forever looking," he said. "It's hard to find the right candidate."

Candidates are tested even as babies to note their reactions several years later.

"Little ones can see things we cannot," he



Lewis

said.

There are carriers of medicine within the tribe, but a carrier is limited and generally are associated with grounds.

"[Carriers] seek out knowledge from other medicine men for their own use," Lewis said. "Sometimes they later become medicine men. A carrier cannot preceive the future."

"I have everything I will ever need. I know the plants that heal. There is no trial and error. We have treated [diseases like] cancer for years."

Lewis travels throughout Indian country to lecture and practice his gift. During his talks, he shows medicines from roots and herbs, his medicine stick — which is used in ceremonies, and testimonial letters.

"Indian medicine is the using of sacred words given to us by our creator and in conjunction with the plants on Mother Earth," Lewis said.

The three things mentioned in chants are persons, an animal, or plants. Lewis noted that all Muscogee chants have mention of one of these. Each chant's conclusion has a sound like the wind, a dog barking, or the sound of other

animals.

Lewis was born in McIntosh County. At an early age he went to live in an orphanage. Prior to his orphanage years he lived with his grandmother who taught him how to use medicine.

He attended Haskell Institute (now Indian Nations University) in Lawrence, Kan. He served in the Marine Corps during the Korean conflict and was discharged honorably. Lewis later attended the Northrup Institute of Technology in California, studying aircraft repair. He later was employed working on Bell helicopters as a shop foreman. He has four children; none of them however, are qualified to be medicine people.

"I never quit using my medicine," said Lewis. "I started with my first medicine at the age of nine. I made it off and on through the years. My dad was taking care of a lot of people — they would come to him."

Lewis said this religious aspect of Mvskoke culture is waning.

"We are losing this religious culture. I want to [warn] our Creek people. They take things for granted [and] think it will be here forever."

Texas student overcomes odds, accepted to prestigious academy

by Karen Michel, *The Dallas Morning News*

GARLAND, Texas — Muscogee citizen Ashely Adams has shattered the odds since she struggled for her first breath 14 years ago.

Born premature and weighing 3 and one-quarter pounds, she was abandoned at age four months by her mother and never claimed by her father.

Her adoptive parents, Carolyn and Rodney Hetzel, said they were told the child had slim chances of developing beyond the mentality of a six-year-old because her biological mother abused alcohol while pregnant.

But Adams did develop. Now a National Honor Society student and reigning salutatorian of her eighth grade class at Sunnyvale Middle School, she credits the Hetzels with helping her overcome obstacles.

But she still faces the challenge of getting into the one of the most expensive private schools in Dallas — a challenge that she says could make or break her dream of attending Harvard University.

Adams has been accepted for the fall term at the Hockaday School, a private North Dallas school for girls that charges \$10,800 in yearly tuition.

Her parents, who say they have recently weathered hard times financially, say they cannot afford that steep a price.

Determined to get Adams into a school that

will prepare her for an Ivy League education, she and her parents have established a scholarship fund for American Indians.

"Not many minorities can afford to go to private schools," said Adams. "I think the scholarship fund would give kids a one-in-a-million chance at a quality higher education."

The American Indian Scholarship Fund has been set up through the tax-exempt charitable RMI Foundation, established two years ago to benefit the mentally ill.

Foundation director John Bower, who is also the Hetzel's financial consultant, said he agreed to administer the scholarship fund because it will help American Indian applicants and not just Adams.

He added that an eight-member board, comprised mostly of doctors and other health care professionals, will choose scholarship recipients.

"Charitable foundations are strictly regulated by the government," Bower said. "If there's any appearance that a fund was set up to personally benefit an individual, all donations will have to be returned and the fund will be discontinued."

Elizabeth Lee, headmistress of Hockaday, praised the scholarship fund as a way of getting more American Indians interested in Hockaday. She said very few have applied to the school since it opened in 1931.

Lee acknowledged that Hockaday is among

the most expensive private schools in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, but said the school also carries a national reputation and has earned respect among many prestigious universities.

She said Hockaday gives \$700,000 annually in student aid from an endowment supported by individual donors. She said 100 students will get help with tuition this fall, though Adams is not one of them.

School policy gives preference to returning students.

Adams' parents pressed Hockaday for answers when notified that she'd been accepted but would not receive aid — a situation they likened to inviting the girl to enter a new world of learning, but withholding the key to open the door.

"I felt like people took this country away from my child. Now, they don't want to give her an education," said Mrs. Hetzel, who claims some Indian ancestry but does not identify herself as Indian.

Adams, who wants to major in drama and become an actress, said her struggle to enroll at Hockaday has been frustrating. But she said it has also been a learning experience.

"I've learned that if you really believe in something, then you have to fight for it," Adams said. "It's been a hard time, but I think it will work out for the best — not just for me — but for other [Indians] like me."

Crow discusses traditional values

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- fifth, we should insist that our schools also reinforce family values and parental involvement by bringing more parents in as volunteers. We should teach strong family values, and develop as parental role models. Not just talk, action!; and

- finally, ensure that our families make the best personal decisions with their life with a full sense of personal responsibility and concern for the consequences of their behavior. That means letting our children, of all ages and economic background, know that there is a reward for hard work and outstanding abilities and achievements.

There are so many issues we have to face today: restoring economic growth to our Nation so we can restore economic strength to our families, providing accessible and affordable health care to all our families and their children, and we must write into our social programs incentives for stronger, Creek family values. But, we cannot ignore the plain need to reconnect all our citizens, to our most cherished traditions and values, and to convey to all that there is still the idea of progress for those who live by those values.

Ultimately, it is up to each of us to build the bridge across that gulf that stands wide today between what we are as a Nation and what we are meant to be. We must believe that we once again can make a difference; tomorrow will be better than today if we build that bridge and make it so. We have the tools. The question is do we have the vision and the will.

Choctaw Nation Labor Day activities set

TUSKAHOMA — "A Choctaw Tradition of Family Values" is the theme for the 1994 Choctaw Nation Labor Day Festival Sept. 2 through 5 at the tribal capitol grounds in Tuskahoma.

For the first time, the tribe is hosting a carnival. The Reed Shows will be set up Sept. 1 from 6 to 10 p.m. A \$7 wristband that allows one to ride all the attractions will be available.

Eighty arts and crafts booths will be set up Sept. 2. Food and concession vendors will also be available. The cafeteria will also be open 24 hours.

The Choctaw Nation Princess Pageant will be Sept. 2 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Activities begin full operation Sept. 3 with the five kilometer run and conclude with a concert featuring the country music group Shenandoah. Other country acts scheduled to perform include Eddy Raven and Radney Foster.

Worship services, hymn singing, and a concert featuring gospel recording act The Blackwoods are slated Sept. 4. Gospel singing featuring local and area talent begins at 3:30 p.m. Traditional exhibitions in stickball and social dancing will also be held.

A parade, Chief Hollis Roberts' state of the Choctaw Nation address and a barbecue lunch highlight the festival's last day.

For more information, call (405) 924-8280.

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August 19

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Campbell's staff failed to check this man and Arrowhead Industries out. Campbell's staff has failed to protect him from frauds like Hunt.

As an enrolled member of a federally-recognized tribe, I cannot sit by idly while this charlatan disgraces us. His fraudulent activity will perhaps cause all respectable Indian-owned companies to be suspect. This is despicable to me.

I hope this debacle will scuttle all those advocating the elimination of certificate degree of Indian blood (CDIB) with the "Indian-in-my-heart" jargon once and for all.

Mary Lou Black, Red Rock

Reader looking for information

Editor:

I would like to find where David and Lucinda Bruner are buried and the year they died. Their daughter, Eliza Bruner Foster was born Aug. 17, 1865. She was one-half Muscogee and married John James Foster, who is buried in Holdenville. I would like to hear from descendants of the Bruners and Fosters.

John Foster, Ada

Reader seeks information

Editor:

I appreciate greatly your newspaper. It helps keep tribal members who live far away from Muscogee boundaries in touch.

I am seeking information to help me find out what happened to the land that was given to my great-grandfather when he was enrolled in 1908. He died without ever knowing it belonged to him because he was two years old when enrolled. His mother died on the long walk.

Through my research, I do have the property description. He was given a homestead allotment and a surplus allotment.

I would appreciate greatly any letters or phone calls from anyone who can help me with any information or might have any idea what clan he belonged to. Contact me at: Rt. 2, Box 329 AA, Mena, AR, 71953.

Robbin Martin, Mena, Ark.

Fall softball leagues forming

OKMULGEE — Fall softball leagues for slow pitch and fast pitch players are now forming. Men's slow pitch league fees are \$250 per team. Women's slow pitch league fees are \$200 per team. Fast pitch league fees for both men's and women's leagues are \$400. All league games will be played at the Muscogee Nation Ominplex. For more information, contact Dean Williams at (918) 758-0870 after 6 p.m.

Eufaula Indian Community powwow set

EUFAULA — Eufaula Indian Community is preparing for its eighth annual Labor Day Powwow to be held Sept. 2 through 4 at the east side ballpark on Eufaula Lake Cove.

The grand entry will begin at 8 p.m. with the crowning of Kiowa-Creek Susan Kaulay as the 1994 princess.

The head staff are: Jimmie Reeder, head singer of gracement; Ray Haymond Jr., head man dancer; Alice Kaulity, head lady dancer; Gary Gover and Bill Takes Horse, arena directors; and Perry Aunko and Stanley John, masters of ceremonies.

Junior division contests will be held Friday night. A tiny tots exhibition will be held on Friday night also. Senior women's division contests will be held on Saturday night; senior men's division contests will be held on Sunday.

A coed softball tournament will be held Sept. 2, 3, and 4 also. The entry fee is \$100 per team. Half of the entry fee must be received by Aug. 26. For more information, contact Jerry Francis at (918) 689-9570.

A coed volleyball tournament will be held Sept. 3 and 4. The entry is \$60 with a 14 team limit. Teams should consist of an eight-person roster — four men and four women. For more information, call the community center at (918) 689-5066 or the smokeshop at 689-9570 or 689-9579.

A domino tournament will be held at 10:30 a.m., Sept. 3 at the Eufaula Indian Community Center and Bingo Hall. It will be a double elimination tournament with single players. The entry fee is \$5. For more information, call (918) 689-5066, or write: E.I.C. Powwow, P.O. Box 865, Eufaula, OK 74432.

Council approves budget modifications

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— approved (29-1) a \$38,991 budget modification for the adult education program. The funds are fiscal year 1993 contract carry-over monies. NCA 93-174 requires all budget modifications exceeding 10 percent receive Council approval.

Voting against the modification was **Litsey, Okmulgee District;**

— approved unanimously (30-0) the confirmation of Joann Ahtone to the Eufaula Boarding School Board of Education. Ahtone is employed with Eufaula Indian Community Bingo and resides in Eufaula;

— approved unanimously (30-0) a \$5,000 appropriation to purchase oscillating fans and air conditioners for tribal members age 55 and older. The money will be taken from the Indian Health Service lawsuit and self governance funds;

— approved (26-3) the confirmation of Patty Wahnee of Morris, to the Creek Nation Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Wahnee will take the seat vacated by Joe July;

Voting against the confirmation were: **Coker, Muskogee District; Jackson, Okfuskee District; and Nichols, Okmulgee District; Roberts, Okfuskee District,** did not vote;

— approved unanimously (29-0) a resolution that calls for land owned by the Alabama-Quassarte tribal town (a federally-recognized entity) to place land within Muscogee Nation jurisdiction, in trust for the town. **Coker, Muskogee District,** did not vote;

— approved unanimously (29-0) to authorize the principal chief to reach a settlement in the tribe's lawsuit with Indian Country U.S.A. The tribe sued Indian Country (a management firm hired to oversee the operation of the Tulsa bingo hall) for breach of contract in 1989. The suit led to the stipulating 40 percent of net gaming profits be held in escrow until the case is settled. As of June 30, the account balance was more than \$7.8 million dollars. **Coker, Muskogee District,** did not vote; and

— approved (23-5-1) a Council resolution declaring the executive orders for the reorganization of the tribal administration void and seeking the submission of any executive branch reorganization to the Council for approval.

Voting against the resolution were: **Fife, Hughes-Seminole District; T. McIntosh, McIntosh District; Hale and Jim Harjo, Okmulgee District; and King, Tulsa District. Chupco, Muskogee District,** abstained.

Muscogee Nation to host Oklahoma high school rodeo association district competition in August

OKMULGEE — Rodeo has long been the number one sport in Oklahoma and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation will host the first Oklahoma High School Rodeo Association District Rodeo for the 1994-95 academic year.

The rodeo begins at 8 p.m., Aug. 20 and at 1 p.m., Aug. 21 at the Muscogee Nation Rodeo Arena, U.S. Highway 75 and loop 56.

Events include:

Boys

- bareback bronc riding;
- calf roping;
- saddle bronc riding;
- steer wrestling; and
- bull riding.

Girls

- breakaway roping;
- goat tying;
- clover-leaf barrels; and
- pole bending race.

Daily team roping is open to boys and girls.

Membership in the association is open to all state-wide high school students, ninth through 12th grade. The association membership meeting is at 4 p.m., Aug. 21 at the rodeo arena. For more information, contact G.V. Gallagher at (918) 458-6502 or 456-1774 or Carolyn Torix at (918) 756-8700.

The public is invited to attend. Admission is

\$5 for adults and \$3 for ages seven to 18. Children six and under are free.

Chief lends support to Muscogee candidates in local elections

OKMULGEE — Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief Bill Fife has issued a call to tribal citizens to support enrolled citizens who are seeking local offices.

"There are several tribal citizens seeking local offices," Fife said. "I want to encourage all tribal citizens to be active in their local and community politics, as well as tribal elections."

Fife noted that Bruce Smith, Okfuskee District representative to the National Council, is a candidate for Okfuskee County Commissioner District 3.

Others seeking county commission seats are:

• Richard Flud, Okmulgee County District 1. Flud has claimed he is the only enrolled Muscogee citizen who is also a county commissioner. He is seeking re-election;

• Harvey Gilroy, Okmulgee County District 3. Gilroy is a former Okmulgee District rep. to the National Council; and

• J.D. Williams, McIntosh County District 3.

The primary election is August 23.

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the goals of improving existing services and increasing the educational opportunities of our youth." Fife said the JOM program reaches more than 9,300 students in schools throughout the Muscogee Nation jurisdiction.

"The education of our youth is very important to me," Fife said. "Education programs and funding are and will remain a priority for my administration. We will continue to work with parents, students, and staff to make the program successful. I am very pleased with how this program is working in the lives of our students and their parents."

Other Muscogee Nation JOM staff are: Grace Bunner; Sandra Peters; and Jim Chalakee. Other tribal employees assisting were: Roger Barnett, employment and training; Irene Culley, children and family services; Christine Durden, higher education; Curtis Hicks, employment and training; Norma Lee and Gayla Norman, Eufaula dormitory; and Jeri On-The-Hill, higher education.

"These people's commitment and dedication to providing leadership, direction, safety, and welfare of the students is gratefully acknowledged," said Taryole.

Wilson leaves tribe

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its services to the communities to generate more job opportunities.

"We've created about 20 jobs locally, by creating a manufacturing facility (a joint venture with Zebco, Inc. featured in *The Muscogee Nation News*, April edition), Wilson said.

"I think Fife's leadership and administrative experience are strong and I look forward for more good things to come to the Muscogee Nation.

"The key is having someone available to handle day-to-day administrative details and let Chief Fife continue to work as an advocate in the policy-making level."

Fife said Wilson has provided valuable leadership during his 18-month tenure as head of the administration.

"Jerry Wilson has given us tremendous leadership and direction as chief of staff," Fife said. "He is very knowledgeable about the tribal operations and government. His expertise and skills in the day-to-day operations will be missed."

Fife said tribal controller Mike Factor will have signature authority and serve as acting chief of staff. Fife said he is searching for a new executive to nominate for the position.



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Oklahoma to host one of seven national human rights hearings

OKMULGEE — Native Americans who have been subject to racism will have the opportunity to testify on Oct. 15 at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Capitol Complex at one of seven national human rights hearings.

The hearings are part of a year-long campaign initiated by the World Council of Churches and National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA to investigate human rights violations in the United States.

"The U.S. is viewed as the leader in the struggle of human rights because of the intentional effort to hold other countries accountable for their human rights violations. Currently, no one has scrutinized the human rights record of this country — meaning the issue of U.S. human rights violations against its own citizens has not been raised in the international arena," said Anne Marshall, WCC and NCCC Human Rights Campaign National Planning Committee Chair.

The campaign began officially on Dec. 10 — International Human Rights Day — with forums at Pine Ridge, S.D. and Birmingham, Ala. The October hearings are one phase of the campaign.

The campaign process includes:

- educating Americans that racism is a human rights violation;
- providing an opportunity for churches and community-based organizations to build positive relationships;
- holding hearings in seven sites;
- reporting findings to the United Nations Human Rights Commission, February 1995, in Geneva; and
- reporting the findings to the World Council of Churches, September 1995, in Nashville.

Other hearings will occur in New York City, Chicago, Oakland, Calif., El Paso, Texas, Birmingham, Ala., and Washington D.C., October 7 through 19.

The hearings will offer Americans the opportunity to testify on violations of their civil and political, economic-social-cultural, and solidarity rights. The Okmulgee and Birmingham hearings are distinct in that they are specific to two racial groups. The Birmingham hearing is specific to African-American testimony; the Okmulgee hearing is a forum for American Indians.

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Salina Yargee, Wetumka, and Pauline Forrest, Henryetta, embark on the tedious art of basket weaving. The two women are taking the class through Kialegee Tribal Town's Heritage and Culture Program from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday nights.

photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Muscogee war hero to be honored at unveiling

BROKEN ARROW — A park dedication and the official unveiling of a nine-foot statue are part of the Broken Arrow Rotary Club's ceremony to honor Muscogee citizen Lt. Col. Ernest Childers.

Childers is a Medal of Honor recipient. Also appearing will be Jack Montgomery, a Cherokee recipient of the Medal of Honor. Childers and Montgomery are the only Indians to have been awarded the medal.

Festivities begin at 10 a.m. with a military-style parade complete with six marching bands, veterans' units, military equipment, scout troops, and tribal dancers. The events will be at the intersection of Mason and Main streets.

The unveiling of the nine-foot Childers statue, created by Chiricahua Apache sculptor Allan Houser, will assume added significance as it will be the first official dedication of a Houser work since his death in August.

Initially, Houser intended to make the statue's face a composite to represent all Indian veterans. Later, Childers met Houser when he visited Santa Fe on

other business.

After the meeting, Houser changed his mind and began making the statue with Childers' likeness for the face. Reportedly, Houser made four attempts to get the likeness he wanted. The statue will show Childers in full military uniform holding an Indian design blanket.

Childers was born Feb. 1, 1918 to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis B. Childers in a farmhouse on his father's allotment, just north of Broken Arrow. After his father died, Childers enrolled at Chilocco Indian School. When World War II escalated, Childers, and many other Indians, became a part of the legendary 45th Infantry Division.

On Sept. 11, 1943, the 25-year-old Childers led eight infantrymen against fortified German positions on a hill at Oliveto, Italy. Despite a broken instep, Childers single-handedly knocked out two machine gun nests and captured an enemy mortar replacement.

Though his heroism has been lauded by many,

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Second Chief urges inter-tribal cooperation and unity

The following is the text of a speech given by Muscogee Nation Second Chief Shelly Crow during testimony at the Bureau of Indian Affairs-Department of Interior Joint Task Force Meeting in Mescalero, N.M. Aug. 17. The BIA paid Crow's travel expenses.

Greetings all people from Mother Earth and members of the office of management and budget, too.

There is sadness in my heart today as I think of my grandparents, Joe and Effie Beaver. My grandmother died last week and my grandfather in May. They lived to be 93 and 94 respectively — a long rewarding life. My grandfather took with him to his grave many traditions and cultures. He served under many chiefs of our tribe — chiefs appointed by the federal government and elected by our people. Even though we are a matriarchal system, he was my elder and I received many blessings from him, and with his blessing, I was honored by our people and elected second chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

My grandfather pointed out to me that the worst enemy we have is ourselves, our own Indian people — because a lot of them went to work for the bureau. I am not going to apologize for saying that. One of our brothers here today spoke on alcoholism and co-dependency. My grandfather said we are all co-dependent on the government and we are the result of the BIA. For here we are today asking for funds that belong to us.

The OMB needs to understand that we are nations and we are people with different needs and traditions.

We have different cultures. I do not speak Creek fluently, but I do not apologize for not knowing my language. My grandfather attended five different schools and was beaten for speaking Creek — his own language at boarding schools. He finally quit speaking his own language at school. This very fact is the reason he did not want me to know our language. He was afraid someone would put me down while attending American public schools.

We need the funding that belongs to us to continue our language, education, and other programs. We use this money wisely and make these programs work by blending the traditions and values from each nation. The Creeks had a value system. We were not on welfare. My grandfather explained to me that not one woman in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation would be on welfare now in the state of Oklahoma, or on any social program of the federal government, if we still lived by our traditions. In the old days, the women owned the land. If the man left, she still owned the land. If she kicked him out, she was still taken care of by family and had her home and land.

I watched the slides in the earlier presentations — I watched the president show his slides while serving on his health task force — and everything is neat and very structured. Nice and neat and the slides are kept in a box. But as my grandfather said, Mother Earth is not in a box. We must come together and we need to work together. We must bridge a gap that stands between us. We cannot be shoved into a nice neat box.

We must grow and learn and rely on our traditions and culture.

One thing we need to learn is to empower and reward our people, our Native Americans, for jobs well done. The majority of our people are not allowed to participate in a large percentage of our programs — if they have a job. In a sense, we punish them for working and trying to succeed on their own. The U.S. Government does that for the non-Indian too. They reward people with high risk behavior and dysfunctional families with medical assistance, welfare, food stamps, and clothing. Yet those who get out and work are not qualified to receive the same assistance from us. The government set us up that way, and I am addressing this problem to the office of management and budget. We need to bridge this gap and encourage our people to go to school, to become quality people, and when they become quality citizens, we need a system to recognize their success.

We need this budget, but we need to take the money and use it for what is best for our people. We are not asking for dollars to educate one master of social work graduate or three MSWs. We are asking for the money to develop an entire program that is culturally sensitive for all our nations. One thing I would also like to say is that we really don't want federal aid. We are tired of begging for our money. But to convince the taxpayer, the non-Indian, we have to educate them. This is election year and we had better hurry.

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Letters to the editor

Reader seeks family information

Editor:

I am attempting to learn more about my family. I would appreciate letters from anyone who may have information. I am the granddaughter of William Childers and Annie Cloud. My great-grandparents were Jim and Jennie Childers and Jim and Matilda Cloud. I would like to know the maiden names of my great-grandmothers.

Also, where were the tribal towns Ciaha, Euchee, and Tuskegee? Anyone with information can contact me at: 9744 Hefner Village Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73162.

Carol Hart, Oklahoma City

Editor's note: Rachelle Vaughn of the tribal cultural education department responds.

Ms. Hart's letter does not indicate whether she is requesting information about these towns as they existed in the Southeast [pre-removal] or in Oklahoma. [Nothing] indicates how precisely these locations should be identified. If you require more specific information, compare the historical maps with contemporary maps of the same area. Keep in mind, however, that each of these tribal towns has been resettled numerous times throughout history, and an exact location can only be given for a town's site during a specific time period. Without such dates, we can only provide general information about river systems these towns were consistently located on.

For reference, the maps [previously mentioned] are available in the appendix of Angie Debo's *Road To*

Disappearance [sic]. This would be a good investment for you if you do not have it already.

[*The Road To Disappearance: A History of the Creek Indians* is available from the University of Oklahoma Press, for \$17.95.]

Choctaw-Cherokee seeks information

Editor:

Richard Allen Haley (also known as Chot-ki) and Mary Alice Fields Haney were my paternal great-grandparents. According to 1900 and 1910 Indian population census, Richard was born in 1858, Indian Territory. He was three-fourths Choctaw and one-fourth Cherokee. Mary was born in 1867, Indian Territory. Her listed tribe was Choctaw (this may have been a mistake). Her father was Cherokee and her mother, Evaline Blackwell, was a white widow. She lived with Chot-ki and Mary in the Chickasaw Nation, along with: their children, Richard "Pete" Alfred (my grandfather); Annie (away at boarding school); Jessie E.; Don Juan; Maude M.; Stunkubba; Calvin; a widowed daughter-in-law, Ida M. Haley and her children, Jessie C. and Mamie Haley.

Chot-ki had other children — Tom, Jack, and Bill — from a previous marriage (wife's name is unknown to me). Chot-ki and several of his sons got into trouble with the law.

I have no other information about Chot-ki and Mary other than his father came from Tennessee and mother from Mississippi. Mary's father also came from Tennessee and her mother from Kentucky. I also know they had strong ties to the Muscogee. The family lived in Stidham after 1910 until Chot-ki was killed around

1915. Mary remarried a white man, Dick Yerton. They moved to Red Hill in Sapulpa.

I would be very thankful for any information concerning my family. I can be reached at: Rt. 1, Box 62-

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Housing authority receives \$1.7 million

OKMULGEE — The Creek Nation Housing Authority has been awarded \$1.7 million to build 23 new mutual help homes by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Funding for the project includes monies to provide water and sewer services.

The housing authority will build the homes in various locations throughout the Muscogee Nation jurisdiction. The 23 homes will be for large families. Twenty-one of the homes are expected to have three-bedrooms and the remainder will have four bedrooms.

The announcement was made by HUD's Oklahoma City office of Native American programs. Planning and feasibility studies will be conducted before building the new homes.

Deeringwater receives honor

OKMULGEE — Melinda Deeringwater is the first recipient of the Creek Nation Housing Authority Karen Long Memorial Award.

The award was developed to honor the memory of the late Karen



Deeringwater and Childers

Long, a former CNHA employee who died of cancer, and to recognize the CNHA employee of the year.

The employee of the year selection is based on an employee's courage, kindness, and dedication while performing daily tasks. The award was presented to Deeringwater by Ken Childers, chair of the CNHA Board of Commissioners, at an Aug. 31 luncheon.

Deeringwater, a nine-year housing authority employee, is the first recipient of the employee of the year award. She was hired initially as a receptionist, was promoted to counselor, and is currently manager of housing services.

She is the daughter of Marion Davis, of Okmulgee and the mother of Melissa, a sophomore at Okmulgee High School.

Second Chief relocates office

OKMULGEE — Muscogee Nation Second Chief Shelly Crow has relocated her offices to room 111 in the Solomon McCombs Executive Office Building at the tribal capitol complex. Her office can be reached at (918) 756-8700, exts. 221, and 222.

Crow said the move will make her more available to citizens. Though not responsible for any of the day-to-day operations, Crow said she can act as a liaison for citizens with problems.



photo by Jim Wolfe

Second Chief Shelly Crow administers the oath of office for Eufaula Boarding School Board of Education members Jacob McGilvray, Wetumka, JoAnn Ahtone, Eufaula, Ramona Mason, Tulsa and Floyd Jones, Morris with the assistance of National Council recording secretary Janice Berryhill at its August regular session. Not pictured is Judith Pickering, Eufaula.

National Council approves attorney contract, several board appointments

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) National Council approved an attorney contract for legal representation at the August 27 regular session.

The 36-member tribal legislature gave unanimous consent for Council Speaker Steve Bruner to enter an agreement for legal services with Muscogee citizen Tim Posey.

Posey was formerly an assistant attorney to the Muscogee Nation attorney general. He resigned to enter private practice.

Voting for the contact were: Duke Harjo, Leah Jack, Phyllis Warrington, and Earl Wheeler, Creek District; Darrell Coachman, Tim Fife, Dwayne Lowe, and Thomas Yahola, Hughes-Seminole District; Wilbur Gouge, Sandy McIntosh, Thomas McIntosh, and Yahola Townsend, McIntosh District; Helen Chupco, Charlie Coker, and Frances Pease, Muskogee District; Clyde Johnson, Wynema Roberts, and Bruce Smith, Okfuskee District; A.D. Ellis, Anderson Hale, Jim Harjo, Dave Lewis, Charlie Litsey, Peggy Lyda, and David Nichols, Okmulgee District; Perry Beaver, Larry Bible, Irene Cleghorn, Jess Kelley, and Earl King, Tulsa District; Richard Berryhill and Barbara Gillespie, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes District.

Absent were: Tommy Newton, McIntosh District; Mae Jackson, Okfuskee District; and Edwin Moore, Tulsa District. Bruner conducted the meeting and did not vote.

In other action, the Council:

- approved unanimously (32-0) to withhold 20 percent of the settlement expected from the tribe's suit

against Indian Country U.S.A. The disputed funds from the Tulsa gaming operation have been placed in an escrow account until the suit is settled. The legislation will earmark 20 percent of that total to be used for direct client services;

- gave unanimous approval (32-0) to the appointment of Muscogee citizen Famous Marshall of Okemah, to the tribal election board. Marshall will serve a five-year term ending June 1, 1999;

- approved 27-5 the appointment of Muscogee citizen Kenan Wayne Phillips of Eufaula, to the tribal election board. Phillips will serve a one-year term ending July 31, 1995. Voting against the appointment were: Jack, Creek District; Johnson, Okfuskee District; Lewis and Litsey, Okmulgee District; and Kelley, Tulsa District;

- approved 21-11 the appointment of Muscogee citizen Dwayne Hughes of Lamar, to the gaming operations authority board. Hughes will serve a one-year term ending Aug. 31, 1995. Voting against the appointment were: Wheeler, Creek District; Gouge, S. McIntosh, T. McIntosh, and Townsend, McIntosh District; Lyda, Okmulgee District; Bible and King, Tulsa District; and Berryhill and Gillespie, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes District; and

- approved unanimously (32-0) a \$17,082-budget modification for the cultural education-preservation department. Tribal ordinance requires Council approval for any modification greater than 10 percent.

The Council's next regular session is Sept. 24 at the tribal capitol complex.

Children and family services receives Indian child welfare grant

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee Nation Children and Family Services Administration Indian Child Welfare Program has been awarded a \$250,000 grant.

The grant will be used for the overall operation of the program, providing comprehensive child welfare support services to Muscogee (Creek) children and their families, said Scott Johnson, program manager.

Specific services will include: foster care and pre-adoptive placement; educational services on child abuse, substance abuse, and domestic violence issues; family preservation and support counseling; community education; after-care; court advocacy; and abuse victim needs.

Johnson said the program is changing its emphasis from reaction to prevention.

"In the past, we reacted to referrals received by the program," Johnson said in a statement. "The program is now implementing an agenda that is focused on the preservation and reunification of the family. The new approach will utilize a home based model which will allow for more of the prevention services to be offered in the home."

Tribal notices

Head Start program disclaimer

OKMULGEE — The Creek Nation Head Start announces its participation in the child and adult care food program. All participants in attendance will be offered the same meals at no separate charge and with no physical segregation of, or other discrimination against any participant because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. The child and adult care food program is an equal opportunity program.

If you believe you have been discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, write immediately to: Oklahoma Department of Education Child Nutrition Program, 2500 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4599 or the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Washington D.C., 20250.

This statement applies to the following centers: Eufaula; Okmulgee; Sapulpa; and Yeager.

Optometrist hired for Okemah

OKEMAH — Dr. Kevin Helmuth has been hired as optometrist for the

The intent of the program is two-fold. The child welfare preservation will concentrate on families at-risk to prevent engagement of abusive or inappropriate behaviors. This portion is to maintain the family structure through home education and counseling in order to create a more healthy environment in which the family can prosper.

The second program aspect is support. The goal is to assist those children and their families that are currently within the social services or juvenile justice systems. The intent is to offer court advocacy, counseling, education, and aftercare services.

The mission of the Indian child welfare program is to support family structure, assist in providing a more healthy and nurturing environment, and to perpetrate the reunification of the family by the creation of a more stable family unit. This mission was enhanced by the enactment of House Bill 1905 by the Oklahoma legislature that requires the state to notify Indian tribes in all voluntary and involuntary child welfare proceedings.

For more information, contact the children and family services administration at (918) 756-2112.

Okemah eye clinic and will make appointments after Sept. 7.

Helmuth is a 1994 graduate of Pacific University College of Optometry, Forest Grove, Ore. He was named outstanding graduate and received the dean's award and the humanitarian service award.

He earned his bachelor's degree in visual science from Pacific in 1992, where he was also the senior chair for the Amigos Vision Assistance Program. During his term, more than 20,000 underprivileged patients were examined. Helmuth has also participated in six foreign eye care missions to Mexico, Chile, and Colombia.

Helmuth served a preceptorship at Carl Albert Indian Hospital, Ada, and a clinical rotation at Pacific University Family Vision Centers, Portland, Ore.

Helmuth will provide regular vision care services as well as provide follow-up care for the hospital's ophthalmology specialty clinics and surgery patients.

Appointments may be made by phone at (918) 623-1688 or in person until all times for the month are booked. No further appointments will be set until the first Wednesday of the following month.



photo by Gerald Wofford

Muscogee Nation District Court Judge Patrick Moore hosted members of the Osage Nation tribal court recently. Osage Nation tribal judge Shannon Edwards, center, and Osage Nation court clerk Jeanna Red Eagle toured the Muscogee Nation court facilities as well as discussed operational procedures

Tribal notices

Tribal 4-H club active

OKMULGEE — The Creek and Cherokee nation's 4-H clubs held a livestock workshop at the Muskogee Fairgrounds recently. Programs on the health care and showing of swine, sheep, beef cattle, and horses were presented by Sherman Grubb, Creek County Extension Agriculture Agent, Tony Yates, Sequoyah County Extension Agriculture Agent, and Robin Cooper, Creek Nation Extension 4-H agent. Cherokee Nation Extension 4-H Agent Rex Jordan assisted with the workshop.

• Creek Nation 4-H member Rachael Barnett of Glenpool, competed in the Tulsa County 4-H Dog Show where she won showmanship and beginner obedience competition. Barnett and her dog, Bell, also competed at the Northeast District 4-H Dog Show where she won showmanship and placed third in beginner obedience competition. The wins qualify her for the dog shows at both the State Fair of Oklahoma and the Tulsa State Fair.

• A craft workshop was held at the Muskogee County fairgrounds Aug. 11. Muscogee citizen Joyce Bear taught basket weaving to 4-H members as well as explained the different types of baskets used by various tribes. The 4-H members' completed baskets will be exhibited at area fairs.

Creek Nation 4-H calendar:

- Okmulgee County Fair, Okmulgee, Sept. 8 through 15;
- Creek County Fair, west of Sapulpa, Sept. 15 through 18;
- Creek Nation 4-H Swine Show (for

current tribal program participants), Okmulgee, Sept. 26;

• Tulsa State Fair, Tulsa, Sept. 29 through Oct. 9.

For more information, contact Coooper at (918) 756-8700, ext. 370.

Program gets planning grant

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee Nation Division of Children and Family Services announces the receipt of a \$43,804 planning grant for the family preservation and support program. The planning grant will be utilized to conduct a needs assessment to identify the sociological needs of the tribe. This will also entail the creation of an advisory board and work group. Each group will be comprised of 10 to 12 members representing social services, justice department, communities, consumers, and a National Council member.

The work group will lead focus groups across the Muscogee Nation to determine the needs of various populations and to identify the types of services required by these populations. The work group will report their findings to the advisory board which will then assist in the development of the tribal plan.

When completed, the tribal plan will contain a five-year comprehensive plan that will attempt to preserve the families of the Muscogee Nation. The family preservation and support program will have two components.

The preservation component will serve to unify families, strengthen their bonds, and assist them in becoming a healthier functioning family. This component will focus on at risk families

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Education briefs

Weleetka teacher attends workshop

WELEETKA — Muscogee citizen Linda Reddick was among 40 teachers selected to attend a National Science Foundation chemistry workshop at the University of Northern Colorado. Reddick was the only Indian and Oklahoman selected.

The training was designed for study in all areas of chemistry, and the development of hands-on activities to teach chemistry concepts.

The Muscogee Nation supported Reddick's training with a \$400 grant.

Reddick received a bachelor of science degree from East Central University, Ada, and her master's degree from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater. She teaches sixth grade and adult education classes and also coaches the fourth, fifth, and sixth grade academic teams at Weleetka Public Schools.



Reddick

Muscogee student interns in D.C.

TULSA — Muscogee citizen Brandon Canard completed a 10-week stint with the Native American National Intern Program in Washington D.C. The program is designed to give American Indian students the opportunity to intern at various federal agencies.

Canard was sponsored by the Muscogee Nation. He is a graduate student at Florida State University, Tallahassee, pursuing a degree in marketing and environmental economics.

Muscogee student graduates

DURANT — Muscogee citizen Monica Rae Mowles has graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's of arts degree in sociology.

She is the daughter of Irene Mowles of Durant, and Jerry Mowles of Ada. She is the granddaughter of Cora Mae Lowe and the late Suther Bruner of Holdenville. Her paternal grandparents are the Edna and Tony Mowles of Durant.

Indian college guide available

BOULDER, Colo. — The American Indian Science and Engineering Society has made available its Annual College Guide for American Indians. The 96-page guide has information specifically for American Indians. It emphasizes those schools that have significant Indian communities and support programs.

Single copies are \$5 postpaid. Please send order and check to: AISES-Books, 1630 30th St., Boulder, CO 80301 or call (303) 492-8658.

Intertribal Council honors Muscogee students

The Five Tribes Inter-Tribal Council recognized two Muscogee students for their academic achievements and extracurricular activities.

photo by Wanda Mankin

Pictured from left are: Tammy Marshall, a 1994 honors graduate of Oktaha High School; Muscogee Nation Principal Chief Bill Fife; and Wendy Whitlow, a 1994 honors graduate of Graham High School.

Marshall is the daughter of Ernest and Riletta Marshall of Oktaha and Whitlow is the daughter of Edward and Irene Whitlow of Ryal.



photo by Debbie Yeahquo

Muscogee Nation Children and Family Services Administration employee George Coser speaks to Koweta Indian Community youth during the "Up With Life" youth wellness workshop. Coser, child abuse prevention and education program coordinator, spoke to the youth about traditional beliefs and practices. The week-long workshop was coordinated by the tribal community health representatives program and was a joint effort between the program and KIC.

National education briefs

Congress considers Indian education bill

WASHINGTON — The reauthorization of education programs for American Indians and Alaska Natives is expected to be complete by the fall, according to the National Indian Education Association. The Senate reauthorization bill, S. 1513, for elementary and secondary education act programs, was passed Aug. 3 with amendments approved by the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs. The House approved its version, H.R. 6, in the spring.

The pending legislation will affect major Indian education programs including impact aid, chapter one, bilingual education, and Indian Education Act-

Title V. The bill now goes to a conference committee to work out differences in the House and Senate versions. Congress has until Sept. 30 to ensure continued funding.

UC Berkley seeks graduate students

BERKELEY, Calif. — The American Indian Graduate Program is seeking American Indian-Alaska Native students to apply in the following graduate programs: business administration; chemistry; education; engineering; environmental design; ethnic studies; journalism; law; letters and sciences; natural resources; optometry; public health; public policy; and social welfare. For more information, contact: American Indian Graduate Program, 140 Warren Hall, University of California, Berkeley, CA, 94720-7360.

Jackson-Guthrie nuptials

MUSKOGEE — Muscogee citizens Christina Renee Guthrie and Chris Jackson were married April 23 at Bacone College Chapel with Rev. Dewayne Mattingly officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Debra Guthrie of Wainwright. The groom is the son of Jackie and Dianna Jackson of Okmulgee. Paternal grandparents are the late Louella Red Jackson and Nancy Barnoskie.

Music was provided by Shirleen Watson who played the organ, piano, and sang.

Maid of honor was Carrie Guthrie, sister of the bride, of Wainwright. Bridesmaids were Jacque Cusher of Okmulgee and Amy Raney of Calvin. Best man was Jackie Jackson, the groom's father. Groomsmen were Bob Cusher of Okmulgee and Randy Cusher of Tulsa.

Flower girls were Jessica Guthrie, sister of the bride, and Bailey Cusher. Ringbearer was Marcus Barnoskie, cousin of the groom. Candlelighters were Allison Ross, cousin of the bride, and Yardeka Hogshooter, cousin of the groom. Guestbook attendant was Angela Ogden, the bride's aunt.

The bride wore a traditional gown of Italian satin designed by Mary. Bridal pearls and sequins decorated the waistline; a bow accenting the skirt swept into a royal train of European lace cutouts. European lace also framed the Queen Anne neckline. The five-foot netted veil and train consisted of three satin roses on the crown with beaded pearls circling down around the face. The maid of honor, bridesmaids, and candlelighter wore floor-length emerald green iridescent taffeta gowns.

The groom wore a Christian Dior black satin full-dress tuxedo — as did the best man, groomsmen, ushers, candlelighters, and ring bearer.

The reception was held at the chapel. Those assisting were: Karen Jackson, the groom's aunt; Jennifer Jackson, cousin of the groom; Carolyn Torix; and Ogden.

The couple reside in Okmulgee where she is employed with the Muscogee Nation and he is employed with Great Plains Bottling Company.



Guthrie, Jackson

Muscogees in service

Samuel Rueban Cook

GREAT LAKES, Ill. — Muscogee citizen Samuel Rueban Cook graduated from basic training at the Naval Training Center Aug. 5.

He was given special recognition at the recruit training command review ceremony and selected Reserve Petty Officers Corps leader of company No. 201 from Pawnee.

Cook is the son of Pamela Cook and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Cook of Pawnee. He will be stationed in San Diego, Calif.



Cook

Muscogee citizen honored

OKLAHOMA CITY — Muscogee citizen William "Bud" McCombs was among six finalists for the National Indian Health Service Sanitarian-of-the-Year Award. McCombs of Eufaula, was cited for his leadership and accomplishments in the U.S. Public Health Service and IHS Environmental Health Programs.

McCombs is the eastern district sanitarian at the eastern district office of environmental health in Muskogee.

In the past year, McCombs has conducted numerous training sessions on the environmental health preventative aspects of the hantavirus. He has also been appointed to the National Sanitarian Professional Advisory Committee by U.S. Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders. McCombs was recognized for his achievement at the Oklahoma City area directors' awards ceremony in July.

Scott family reunion

EUFAULA — The Scott family reunion will be held Oct. 8 at Artussee Baptist Church beginning at 11 a.m. There will be a program following lunch with games and visiting also scheduled. Descendants of Daniel Scott, Bennie Scott, John Scott, and Hattie Scott Lewis are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Bessie Lara at: HC 63 Box 219A, Eufaula, OK 74432.

Former princess wins photo contest

ENID — Muscogee citizen Janita Merritt placed first and third in the Kodak-Lays Potato Chip Funtime Spring Promotion Photography Contest sponsored in part by Reasor's Price-Rite grocery chain. Her brother, Travis, also placed second in the contest. Merritt is a former Muscogee Nation Princess and a graduate of Sapulpa High School. She is the daughter of Ed and Janice Screechowl of Sapulpa.

Eufaula Indian Community receives \$3,000 BIA grant



photo by Jim Wolfe

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has awarded a \$3,000 feasibility study grant to the Eufaula Indian Community for a possible convenience store-bait shop as a possible economic development project. Pictured from left are: T.C. McCrary, BIA loan specialist; Jimmy Gibson, BIA Okmulgee Agency superintendent; Ken Tiger, Eufaula Indian Community chair; and Bunny Hill, EIC board member.

Religious briefs

Methodists to celebrate 150th anniversary

TAHLEQUAH — Thousands of American Indian United Methodists, tribal leaders, and others will observe 150 years of Methodist teaching among Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas Indians at the Cherokee Heritage Center Oct. 22 and 23.

"Where we walk — What can we do for you Jesus" is the theme for the sesquicentennial event. Other features are: tribal singing; gospel singing; worship; traditional foods; a commemorative walk; reenactments; and other activities.

Camping and utility hook-ups are available. The center is located west of Tahlequah on state highway 10.

In 1844 Bishop Thomas Morris convened several hundred Muscogee, Choctaws, and Cherokees at Riley's Chapel near Tahlequah, forming the Oklahoma Indian Mission.

Today, the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference has 8,000 members in 98 churches representing 30 tribes. For more information, contact the OIMC at 3020 South Harvey, Oklahoma City, OK 73109.

Bemo Baptist Church communion set

BIXBY — Bemo Baptist Church will observe communion during worship services Oct. 23. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. with morning worship at 11 a.m.

The church will also host a hog fry and gospel singing Oct. 29 beginning at 5 p.m. Gospel singing follows the hog fry and is expected to last until midnight. To get to the church, go west one-half mile from the intersection of 131st Street South and Memorial Drive, then one block south.

Birdcreek Baptist Church communion set

SASAKWA — Birdcreek Baptist Church will observe communion at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 25.

Birdcreek will also be in revival Sept. 21 through 23 with Rev. Robert Washington preaching nightly. Services begin at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The church is located three and one-half miles west on state highway 56 and one-quarter mile south. For more information, contact Rev. Jesse Bryant, Birdcreek pastor, at (405) 786-2142.

Oklahoma Indian Women's Conference set

TULSA — The Fourth Annual Oklahoma Indian Women's Conference will be Sept. 16 and 17 at Bowen Baptist Church. Featured speaker is Shirley Falls of Phoenix. Songleader is Kathy Thomas of Ardmore. Pianist is Joanne Hawkins of St. Louis, Okla.

Registration begins at 2 p.m., Sept. 16 with worship service beginning at 6:30 p.m. All ladies, college-age and above, are invited to attend.

Cost of the conference is \$20 and includes two joint worship services, four conference sessions, two meals, and a hospitality-snack buffet.

More than 20 small sessions on a variety topics are being offered. Bowen Baptist Church is located at 1515 E. Independence.

For more information, contact the church at (918) 584-6015.

Muscogee Nation obituaries

JIMMY L. HAYES

CHECOTAH — Funeral services for Jimmy Hayes were held Aug. 17 at Smith Chapel officiated by Scottish Rite Degree team and Rev. Larry Gaston. Hayes was born April 5, 1941 to Lloyd and Nicy Howell Hayes. He died Aug. 15 at a Tulsa hospital.

Hayes married Carroll Harris Feb. 2, 1963 at Bowlegs.

Hayes was a Muscogee Nation Supreme Court Justice and vice-president of the National American Indian Judicial Association.

An attorney, he was also a member of the Checotah United Methodist Church, Checotah Masonic Lodge 86 AF & AM, Checotah International Order of Odd Fellows Lodge, Bedouin Shrine, Shrine Jesters, and he was a municipal judge.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister.

Survivors include: his wife, of Checotah; two sons, Bret and Jay Hayes, both of Checotah; a granddaughter Brittnee Hayes of Checotah; a brother, Tom Hayes of Mineola, Texas; three uncles, Lee Hayes of Checotah, Forest Hayes of Muskogee, and Wilburn Hayes of California; and four aunts, Elma Myers and Marie Tewell, both of California, Wynema Marshall of Oregon, and Midred Denson of Checotah.

Pallbearers were: Bob Daniels; Dan George; Don Roberts; Dick Pyle; Joe LeMasters; and Charlie Peterson.

Interment was in the Greenlawn Cemetery.

BENNIE LEOS LEYBAS

HENRYETTA — Funeral services for Bennie Leos Leybas were held Aug. 18 at Shurden Funeral Chapel with Revs. John Lowe and Alfred Harley officiating.

Leybas died Aug. 16 in Tulsa. He was born March 2, 1919 to Antonio Leybas and Santiago Leos in Thurber, Texas. He married Lillian George Albert Aug. 2, 1944 in Okmulgee.

Leybas was a member of Arbeka Baptist Church and a retired miner.

He was preceded in death by: a son, Raymond; a daughter, Ramona; and his parents.

Survivors include: his wife, Lillian of the home; three daughters, Daisy Howell, Shirley McKay, and Bertha Brown, all of Okmulgee; six sons, Bennie Leybas Jr., Wattie Leybas, Michael Leybas, and Johnny Leybas, all of Okmulgee, and Daniel Leybas of Singapore; two brothers, Manuel Leybas of Kearney, Ariz., and Tachio Leybas of Phoenix; two sisters, Pauline Luker of Livonia, Mich., and Cecila Cambos of San Antonio, Texas; and 15 grandchildren.

Interment was in the Arbeka Baptist Church Cemetery.

BESSIE LORENE NEVAQUAYA

HICHITA — Funeral services for Besie Lorene Nevaquaya were held Aug. 18 at Grave Creek Baptist Church with Revs. Christopher Harjo and

Robert Washington officiating.

Nevaquaya died Aug. 14 in Okmulgee. She was born Dec. 10, 1929 to Solomon and Millie Roberts. Fields in Hanna.

She was a member of Grave Creek Baptist Church and worked in the dry cleaning business.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Malcolm; a sister, Amanda Deer; and a brother, Sonny Fields.

Survivors include: a daughter, Millicent Landers of Okmulgee; a son, Albert Arsee of Morris; two sisters, Rose Fields of Morris, and Nancy Hicks of Okemah; a brother, David Long of Okemah; and 10 grandchildren.

Interment was in the Hillabee Cemetery.

LILLIE NOBLIN

HENRYETTA — Funeral services for Lillie Noblin were held Aug. 17 at Freewill Baptist Church.

She died Aug. 12. Noblin was born Feb. 27, 1904 to Joseph and Nancy Cole Wills in Henryetta. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Bill; a grandson, Gary Peterson; two brothers, Edward Wills and Frank Trusty; and two sisters, Goldie Hensley and Magdelene Russell.

Survivors include: three daughters, Eva Peterson and Maggie Holman, both of Henryetta, and Wanda Cantrell of Tulsa; five sisters, Martha Fry and Ruby Coates, both of Dewar, Arnetta Hicks of Henryetta, Elsie Broker of Bristow, and Irene Woods of Estacado, Ore.; 15 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Interment was in the Salt Creek Cemetery.

THOMAS ALEX BARNES

WETUMKA — Funeral services for Thomas Alex Barnes were held July 19 at Salt Creek Baptist Church with Revs. Bill Beaver and Jim Wesley officiating.

Barnes died July 17 at his home. He was born Nov. 15, 1921 to Thales and Annie Penn Barnes in Wetumka. He married Lela Barnett Nov. 17, 1941. They lived in Oklahoma City where he was employed as a municipal park foreman.

Barnes was a U.S. Army veteran and held a number of positions at Salt Creek Baptist Church including, deacon, Sunday school superintendent, teacher, church treasurer, trustee, and business moderator.

Survivors include: his wife, of the home; two sons, Charles Toma Barnes of the home, and Sidney Barnes of Tulsa; four daughters, Malinda Ann Gibson of Chickasha, Gloria Jones of Holdenville, Micki Deer of Wetumka, and Paula Herrod of Shawnee; one granddaughter, Summer Leigh Barnes of the home; a sister, Betty Hotulka of Wetumka; a half-sister, Rose Marie Martin of Henryetta; 23 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Interment was in the Barnes Family Cemetery.

Area events

Sapulpa's Heritage Day September 24

SAPULPA — Sapulpa Public Schools Indian Education Program's 21st Annual Indian Heritage Day Powwow is Sept. 24 at the Creek County Fairgrounds, five miles west of Sapulpa on U.S. Highway 66.

Scheduled activities are:

- 2 p.m. — gourd dance, bingo (bring your own daubers);
- 5 p.m. — supper, cake walk, bow shoot, horse shoe pitch, volleyball;
- 6 p.m. — gourd dance;
- 7 p.m. — grand entry, war dancing, tiny tots exhibition, best decorated shawl and vest, youth dance, lulu, and war cry contests;
- 11 p.m. — stomp dance; and
- 1 a.m. — clean up.

Head staff: Ron Moses, master of ceremonies; Lloyd Guinn, head singer; Josh Williamson, head man dancer; Felicia Blalock, head lady dancer; Broken Arrow Indian Club, co-host gourd dance club; Perry Aunko, arena director; and Boston Rowe and Newman Littlebear, stomp dance coordinators. The Seminole Nation Color Guard will present the colors.

Indian arts and crafts exhibitors are welcome, but must provide tables and chairs. There is no fee, but donations are accepted. Concessions and raffles will be available. Security will be provided. No alcoholic beverages allowed. Admission is free.

For more information, contact Dan Tah at (918) 224-9322.

Minerals circuit rider session scheduled

OKMULGEE — The quarterly session of the Bureau of Indian Affairs-Minerals Management Service meeting with Indian oil and gas royalty owners will begin 10 a.m., Oct. 12 at the Muscogee Nation Tribal Capitol Complex. Representatives from the federal agencies will be available to discuss issues relevant to minerals royalties and Indian owners.

Dallas Indian League bowling tournament

DALLAS — The 25th Annual Dallas Indian League Bowling Tournament will be Sept. 24 at Triangle Bowl, Texas State Highway 183 and Belt Line Road, Irving. Five-member mixed teams will compete in the American Bowling Congress-sanctioned tournament. For more information, call (214) 790-8201.

Referral service extends hours

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma Areawide Services Information System (OASIS) has extended its operating hours until 6 p.m. weekdays. Since 1987, the statewide information and referral service has serviced children and adults with needs related to chronic illnesses, developmental and physical disabilities, mental disorders, and learning disabilities. Information on available services for general services such as health care and social services is provided also.

The service is administered through the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Department of Pediatrics. In the Oklahoma City metropolitan area, call 271-6302. Others can call 1-800-426-2747.

Head Start children receive hands-on ecology lesson



photo by Gerald Wofford

When Okmulgee Head Start summer program students studied ecology in August, teacher Jennifer Tarpalechee and Job Training Partnership Act program employee Jennifer Harjo decided to give them a hands-on lesson by picking up complex litter.

Wilson recognized

Muscogee Nation Tax Commissioner Sam Alexander presents tobacco division employee Woodrow "Woody" Wilson with a letter of appreciation. The letter, signed by Alexander, Principal Chief Bill Fife, and wholesale warehouse tobacco manager Morris O'Hern, commends Wilson for job performance, devotion, and contributions to the success of the division.



photo by Jim Wolfe

Oklahoma Indian Art Market set for September 16 and 17

OKMULGEE — The Fifth Annual Oklahoma Indian Art Market will be Sept. 16 and 17 at Creek Council House Museum downtown.

Artist check in is at 9 a.m., Sept. 16. The market opens at noon. The juried art show is from 12 to 5 p.m. Other activities include demonstrations and tours of the First National Bank Okmulgee's Woody Crumbo Collection at 10 a.m. and 12, 2, and 4 p.m.

A ceremonial blessing of the Council House is at 8 a.m., the play "Word of Honor," a reenactment of the trial and execution of Timmy Jack, will be performed.

Demonstrations begin at 1 p.m. on the Council House lawn. Basket weaving, silversmithing, a stickball game, dancing, bead working, bow making, and flute playing demonstrations are planned.

Muscogee citizen Pete Coser is the juried art judge. Coser is a past winner of the Jerome Tiger Memorial Award and the Creek Indian Heritage Award. His paintings are exhibited throughout the southwest.

Muscogee citizens Pat Moore (tribal district court judge) and Denise Morrow are the co-chairs for the 1994 art market.

Legal notice

JV 93-37 — In the matter of alleged deprived children. Published in *The Muscogee Nation News*, Volume 23, Issue 9, September 1994

On this 25 day of August, 1994, this case comes for hearing of the oral application for publication service filed herein by the petitioner. After considering the application, the court finds that it appears that the petitioner is unable to exercise due search and diligent inquiry in attempting to locate the father of the child(ren) in this case and that publication services should be authorized.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged, and decreed by the court that petitioner is authorized to give the father notice of this case publication service.

(s) Patrick Moore, Judge, Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court

Family preservation and restoration program planned

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that have not penetrated the social services of judicial system. The goal of this component is to keep the families unified and provide early intervention that will prevent the family from entering these systems.

The second component is the family support program. This program will focus on families that are currently in the social service or judicial system. The goal of this program is to reunite the family as quickly as possible. To meet this goal, steps will be taken to

ensure that the environment in which a family member is to return is a healthy and appropriately functioning environment.

To accomplish the goals of both components, several services that are directed at creating a functional family will be offered. These services will include: in-home counseling (nutrition, hygiene, employment, family dynamics, and substance abuse); court advocacy for children and families; family assessments; development of treatment plans; resource and referral services; and after care.

Design for the development of the tribal plan will be conducted over a period of approximately six months. The tribal plan must be submitted no later than June 30, 1995.

Crow column

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I would like to state to the previous speaker on alcohol programs. Our principal chief asked us to brainstorm and think of ideas that would help our people without costing money. For three years, three of us interviewed our people about alcoholism. Indian Health Service did not give us any money. BIA did not give us any money. We were funded by a foundation with a small grant. We found out what our people wanted. Now we will develop a program to help our people with alcoholism, and our people will be empowered. This is the new way of helping our people. The people are the ones who make the decisions — not the BIA, not IHS, not the tribal leaders, but the people. This is the new way.

As my grandfather said, there was a plan to destroy us, but they haven't been able to destroy us in Oklahoma. The allotment program was meant to accomplish this plan. My grandfather fought against it. Chief Fife's father, who passed away this year, also fought against it. The allotment did not destroy us. We are going to work it out, all 36 tribes. There are more than 500 tribes in the U.S. and I hope they can all work this out. The plan was to take our land, and the government did that. But there is a plan to get it back. It is in the stars. I think the bureau will soon wake up to this fact.

You have to realize what the government has done to us, and they also did it to each of you here today. They put some of you on reservations with poor economics and high unemployment. That makes you co-dependent on the health care system. We are co-dependent on our little allotments and upon the state health care systems in Oklahoma.

There is one more point I would like to present. Have you ever heard of Red Earth? It is an annual festival in Oklahoma. We did not go to Red Earth. My grandfather would not allow me to go. He said we would not be paid to watch and we would not be paid to dance. Anytime a state official calls us to say, "Can you take someone on a tour of Oklahoma? Can you put your feathers on for me?" We need to stick together folks. Because when they want to see you, they may just want to see you for entertainment. At least that is the way in our state, Oklahoma. Let's stand together and claim our rights. When they see us, let it be for the right reason. I am on the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission and I have not been removed yet, and I preach this all over Oklahoma.

I would like to say that this task force and Congress should be saluted and I do say thank you. I even know how to say thank you in my language — *mvto*. And I do know how to say go to lunch in my language, so I will stop for now and we will have lunch.

Letters

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C, Sparks, OK 74869 or by phone at (918) 968-2031.
Jeanne Haley Pound, Sparks

Citizen clarify absence at hearing

Editor:

The Kaler family would like to comment about our absence at an Aug. 15 hearing regarding the exhumation of Cindy Montgomery in Okmulgee District Court. Initially our family's request for exhumation was uncontested and our legal representation felt it was unnecessary for our family to attend the hearing. At the last minute, Jeff Montgomery [Cindy's husband] arrived at the courthouse with a lawyer to contest the exhumation. Last minute attempts to contact our family after the fact. We do respect Montgomery's feelings in this matter, but we have many unanswered questions that make this action necessary for closure — and to ensure our sister Cindy is finally at rest.

Janie Kaler Palen, Dustin

Editor's note: Cindy Montgomery died of a bullet wound to the face June 29. Her death was ruled a suicide initially, but a district court judge ruled Aug. 31 that the body be exhumed to determine officially the cause of death.

Citizen thanks Council

Editor:

I have sent a packet of information from the National Association of Native American Deaf Conference. We truly appreciate the National Council's financial assistance and we hope you will keep us in mind when the second NANAD conference is held in Albuquerque, N.M. next year.

We would be more than happy to appear before the Council and discuss what we learned. I ask only that this information is made available to the [tribe's] children and family services [administration] so that they may be able to use it to aid all Creek families with a deaf or disabled person in their family. Again, thank you for your assistance and feel free to contact us for any additional information you need.

Tracy Littlehead family, Tecumseh

Editor's note: The Council appropriated \$371 to the Littlehead family to attend the Indian deaf conference held in Oklahoma City. Littlehead's daughter, Mysti, is deaf.



photo by Jim Wolfe

Muscogee Nation Lighthorse Administration removed these and other marijuana plants from tribal property in McIntosh County. From left, Carla Cantrell, acting chief Marsey Scott, and Eldon Kelough stand by two of the taller plants. No charges are expected to be filed as the plants did not appear to be cultivated, Scott said.

Childers

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Childers remains modest.

"Heroism was the farthestest thing from my mind that day," Childers said. "I was just trying to stay alive and help keep my buddies alive. These guys were my classmates. We had lived together for over four years and they were closer to me than my own brothers."

After the invasion of Italy, Childers returned home and helped with war bond drives and infantry training. He returned to Europe for the allied invasion of Normandy and remained on active duty in the Korean conflict.

"During my time in Korea, I started thinking that I had been overseas for a longer period of time than I had been in the United States," Childers said. "I began to wonder if (U.S. armed forces) were trying to get rid of this old Indian."

Other program participants are: artist Brummet Echohawk; Broken Arrow mayor Jim Reynolds; and Lt. General Marc Cisneros, commanding general, 5th U.S. Army, Fort Sam Houston, keynote speaker.

Contributors to the statue financing were: City of Broken Arrow; Muscogee Nation; Grace and Franklin Bernsen Foundation; First National Bank Broken Arrow; Arkansas Valley State Bank; Floral Haven; Metropolitan Life; and State Arts Council of Oklahoma.

Hearing

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Marshall attributes the diversity of the 36 tribes located in the state as the reason Oklahoma was selected as a hearing site. For more Oklahoma hearing information, contact: Herschell Daney or Frances Wise at: (918) 245-2639 or (405) 681-5966.

Muscogee Nation position roster

The following is a list of positions, employees, and their respective grade and step for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation health and tribal administrations at June 30, 1994. The list is published in accordance with National Council Act 89-07. Prepared by Cynthia Tiger, human resources development analyst for the health department, and Tami O'Brien, assistant to the controller for the executive office.

CREEK NATION COMMUNITY HOSPITAL PHYSICIANS

Physician — Lawrence Vark — MS10
Physician Unfunded — MS10
Physician Unfunded — MS10
Physician Unfunded — MS10
Physician Unfunded — MS10
Physician Unfunded — MS10
Medical Director Deleted
Physician Vacant — MS10

Nurse Practitioner Sandra Schasteen

NURSING

DON — Roy Bentley — G12/10
Secretary — Kaye Hammond — G04/03
Nurse Educator — Edwina Fishier — RNII/08
Inf Control Nurse — Lydia Snyder — RNII/03
OR Supervisor — Cynthia Franks — RNII/05
Nurse Supervisor — Sheryl Sharber — RNII/06
Nurse Supervisor — Rebecca Martin — RNII/06
ER Supervisor — Rebecca Gaskill — RNII/06
RN — Judy Stockton — RNI/01
RN — Thomas Grace — RNII/03
RN — Jamie Thomas — RNI/01
RN — Sharon Immel — RNII/03
RN — Janet Titsworth — RNI/08
RN-ER — Janet Dockery — RNII/04
RN Vacant — RNII/03
RN — Renee McKee — RNI/01
RN-ER — Robert Bray — RNI/02
RN-ER — Alma Bridgeford — RNII/04
Float Nurse-PT — Ledonia Henry — RNII/07
Float Nurse -PT — Carolyn Potter — RNII/07
Float RN — Cindi Wood — RNII/07
Float RN — Eliose Elliot
Float RN — Cynthia Coachman
LPN — Theresa Hargrove — G08/05
LPN — Brenda Lowe — G08/05
LPN — Della Carter — G06/05
LPN — Maxine Hill — G08/03
LPN — Mabel Wood — G07/05
LPN — Vicki Ned — G06/02
LPN — Charlotte Kenneda — G06/02
LPN-PT — Patty Barnett — G07/06
LPN-PT — Kathy Putman — G07/05
LPN-PT (actually FT) — Pat Dixon — G06/01
LPN-PT (actually FT) — Patricia Cheatman — G06/01
LPN — Abbie Larney — G07/04
LPN — Cheryl Baldwin — G05/06
LPN — Vickie Mead — G06/01
NA — Kendis Rogers — G02/07
NA — Lucy Marsey — G02/01
NA — Helen Tiger — G04/06
NA — Vacant — G02/01
Unit Clerk — Margaret Roberts — G05/04
Unit Clerk — Kimberly Allen — G02/01
Unit Clerk — Tamara Berryhill — G02/01
Resp Therapist — Shirley Reed — G08/03
Resp Therapist — Vacant — G08/03
LABORATORY
Dept Head — Glen Winters — G12/04
Lab Clerk — Nancy Housley — G02/08
Secretary — Vacant — G02/04
Med Tech — Sammy Hill — G10/05
Med Tech — Elzona Curtis — G08/04
Med Tech — James Mercer — G08/09
Med Lab Tech — Vicki Lindsey — G06/07
Med Lab Tech — Wendell Whitlow — G06/07
RADIOLOGY
Dept Head — Sallie Bear — G11/04
X-Ray Tech — Mehraban Khodadadian — G08/05
X-Ray Tech — Sheldon Frank — G08/04
X-Ray Tech — Lisa Dawson — G07/06
X-Ray Tech-PT — Vacant — G07/07
PHARMACY
Pharmacy Clerk — Betty Griggs — G07/05

Pharmacist — Vacant — G13/03

ADMINISTRATION

Admin Assist — Doris Sullivan — G06/09
Adminstrator — Florence July — G13/05
Admin Secretary — Emma Bruner — G04/02
Typist — Vacant — G04/05
Management Analyst — Vacant — G10/10
Budget Analyst — Vacant — G09/01
BUSINESS OFFICE
Office Manager — Elvania Swayze — G11/04
Admissions Clerk — Wisey Givens — G02/07
M/M Clerk — Vacant — G02/07
M/M Clerk — Vacant — G02/07
Clerk Typist — Vacant — G02/07
Charge Clerk — Vacant — G02/09
PBX Operator — Cynda Factor
Admissions Clerk — Deleted
CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES
CHS Specialist — Laura Mackey — G12/04
CHS Clerk LD — Flora Jackson — G06/01
CHS ClerkII — Patricia Watson — G02/06
CHS Clerk I — Essie Gambler — G04/04
CHS Clerk III — Rosalee Marshall — G02/04

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

RRA — Lerena Roberts — G11/07
ART — Paula Logan — G08/06
OP Clerk — Susan Giles — G02/03
MR Clerk — Tina Thompson — G03/07
OP Clerk — Louise McNac — G02/03
OP Clerk — Pat Frye — G02/03
OP Clerk — Elsie Bruner — G02/03
OP Clerk — Sharon Whitecloud — G02/03
Filing Clerk — Marjorie Geller — G02/02
OP Adm Clerk — Edverda Hightower — G02/03
Med Records — Clerk — Deleted

DIETARY

Dietitian — Karra Sparks — G12/03
Dept Head — Lou Tilley — G04/01
Program Assist — Sheila Leeth — G02/01
Cook — Carolyn Fultz — G01/05
Cook — Geraldine Mull — G01/05
Cook — Jana Carman — G01/05
Cook - Part-time — Karla Titsworth — G01/05

MAINTENANCE

Gen Maint — Weaver Cheek — G06/04
Gen Maint — Larry Conaway — G06/04
Maint Helper-PT — Jimmy McElroy — G01/01

HOUSEKEEPING

Housekeeper — Frank Asbury — G03/07
Housekeeper — Anna Crawford — G01/07
Housekeeper — Tiger Hobia — G01/08
Housekeeper — Sam Remis — G01/09

SOCIAL WORK

Social Worker Aide — Tim Cheek — G07/01

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

EMS Coordination — Mike Rappenecke — G08/08
EMTI — Tom Ned — G04/06
EMTI — Bert Mainard — G04/03
EMTI — Raymond Spain — G03/09
EMTI — Charles Ned — G04/02
EMTI — Thelma Mahan — G03/06
EMTI — Claudia Sanders — G03/02
Paramedic — Doug Powers — G03/01
EMT — Leroy Harjo — G01/01

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

ART Counselor — Vacant — G13/04
Social Worker — Kay Giacomo — G12/06
Clerk Typist — Vacant — G03/06
CADC Counselor — Daley Tearl — G07/07
Office Clerk — Beatrice Berryhill — G03/06
Office Manager — Gale Smith — G04/07
ADOL Specialist — Vacant — G08/05

MUSCOGEE NATION ADMINISTRATION

Office Clerk II — Sydney Yahola — S0508

Office Assistant — Edward L. Lowe — H0405
Citizenship Board Supervisor — Peggy Powell — M03 04

Office Clerk I — Tammy Harjo — S0408
Secretary I — Tracey Lowe — S0710
Election Board Manager — Diane R. Randall — M0210

NATIONAL COUNCIL

Council Member — Duke M. Harjo
Council Member — Charlie C. Coker
Council Member — Helen L. Chupco
Council Member — Bim Stephen Bruner
Council Member — Mae H. Jackson
Council Member — Sandy McIntosh
Council Member — Richard M. Berryhill
Council Member — Charlie E. Litsey
Council Member — Larry S. Bible
Council Member — Thomas M. McIntosh
Council Member — Irene Jacobs Cleghorn
Council Member — Jim B. Harjo
Council Member — Thomas Yahola
Council Member — Earl W. Wheeler
Council Member — Jesse Kelley
Council Member — Edwin S. Moore
Council Member — David Nichols Sr.
Council Member — Wynema Roberts
Council Member — Bruce A. Smith
Council Member — Anderson Hale
Council Member — Darrell R. Coachman
Council Member — Clyde Johnson
Council Member — David Lewis
Council Member — Dwayne Lowe
Council Member — Frances Pease
Council Member — Yahola L. Townsend
Council Member — Wilbur C. Gouge
Council Member — Andrew D. Ellis
Council Member — Tommy S. Newton
Council Member — Timmie Fife
Council Member — Phyllis Warrington
Council Member — Leah A. Jack
Council Member — Peggy A. Lyda
Council Member — Earl W. King
Council Member — Barbara J. Gillespie
Council Member — Robert P. Beaver
Secretary-File Clerk — Suzanne A. McIntosh — S0805
Legislative Research Spec. — Kathryn Bell — S0908
Legislative Clerk — Karen K. Brown — S0805
Administrative Secretary — Janice Berryhill S0908
Assistant to Controller — Tamra D. O'Brien — S1005
Controller — Michael W. Factor — S
Budget Analyst — Dana Johnson — S1005
Secretary II — Wanda Froman — S0805
Tribal Cashier — Cheryl Judy Grayson — S0909
Clerk — Sherry D. Tiger — S0407
Purchasing Clerk — Christine R. Jackson — S0405
Payroll Technician — Luther J. Buckner — S1010
Accounting Clerk — Sharon K. Lowe — H0410
Accounts Payable Clerk — Sherry Montgomery — S0806
Payroll Clerk — Barbara J. Toney — S0801
Ful-Chg-Bookkeeper — Joyce Ann Vaughn — S1010
Purchasing Agent — Geneva L. Gooden — S1006
Staff Accountant I — Scott Bosen — S1104
Staff Accountant II — Regina K. Lowe — S1207
Accounting Cash Manager — Thomas Mitchell — S1408
Director of Finance — Owen Sapulpa — M09
Executive Director — Jerry Wilson — S
Executive Secretary — Lisa K. Deere — S1004
Secretary I — Brenda L. Estes — S0707
Communications Manager — James D. Wolfe — M0310
Audio-Video Spec. — Gerald Wofford — S0907

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Employees' roster

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Senior Writer — Stephanie B. Berryhill — S0907
 Program Analyst — Della Proctor — S0902
 Data Entry — Louise Tecumseh — S0710
 Data Entry Clerk — Barbara A. West — S0706
 Manager MIS — Ron W. Raper — M0610
 Contract Technician — Clemma R. Luellen — S0710
 Manager Contracts — Susie Brown — M0407
 Receiving Specialist — Maxine Watashe — S0809
 Office Clerk I — Janice L. Bigpond — S0410
 Warehouse Specialist — Loy D. Thomas — S0709
 Manager GSA — Leonard L. Waggoner — M0404
 Administrative Assistant — James C. Wind — S0908
 Fringe Coordinator — Judy L. Hite — S1108
 Labor Coordinator — Kenneth L. Factor — S1101
 Personnel Secretary I — Bert H. Robison — S0710
 Personnel Manager — Perry Anderson — M0605
 Sec'y-S.P. Asst. — Malissa D. Napier — S0901
 Economic Development Planner — Andrew Skeeter — S1507
 Physical Development — James King — H15
 Policy Analyst — Robert E. LaGrone — JS
 Director of Community Services — Harley Gene Little — M0805
 Secretary III — Linda C. Downs — S0907
 Director of Human Development — Valeria Littlecreek — M0804
 Deputy Director — Dr. Leola Taylor — S1209
 Secretary III — Patricia Morgan — S0910
 Director of Tribal Affairs — Fredo S. Anderson II — M0805
 Loan Specialist — Patsy A. Armstrong — S1007
 Probation Officer-Bailiff — James F. Burgess — H1002
 Deputy Court Clerk — Denise Morrow — S1001
 Court Clerk — Nancy L. Jukich — M0505
 Gaming Commissioner — Rocky McIntosh — M0704
 Assistant Commissioner — James H. Stuart — S1205
 Secretary I-Statistics — Debra K. Price — S0709
 Regulation Compliance Spec. — Jerry Floyd — S0908
 Financial Compliance Spec. — William Brady — S1010
 Reg. Compliance Mon. — Pamela M. Newrider — S0901
 Reg. Compliance Spec. — Mary F. Mesnard — S0910
 Administrative Assistant II — Sherri Brokeshoulder — S1010
 WHS-CLR Aide — Carol Elam — H0409
 Counselor Therapist — Alice King — S1101
 Intake Specialist — Mona M. Bass — S0709
 Administrative Assistant I — Michael K. Johnson — S0903
 ICW Caseworker — Louise M. Berryhill — S0809
 Office Clerk I — Donna Pickup — H0401
 Teacher Aide — Judy M. Morsette — H0306
 Teacher Aide — Charlene Colbert — H0306
 Principal Chief — Bill S. Fife — S
 Second Chief — Shelly L. Crow — S
 Administrative Assistant III — Ruthie A. Burgess — S1110
 Administrative Assistant II — Carolyn Lee Torix — S1006
 Executive Secretary — Dicey Marie Taryole — S1010
 Cert. Clerk II — Rosie Berryhill — H0806
 Tax Commissioner — Samuel S. Alexander — M0804
 Secretary I — Gayla E. Waller — S0710
 Summer Youth Clerk — Stephanie L. Goodvoice — H0409
 Summer Youth Counselor — Pam Sullivan — H0801
 Summer Youth Counselor — Cynthia Jacobs — H0802
 Summer Youth Counselor — Albert Tiger — H0706
 Summer Youth Counselor — Larry Cahwee — H0706
 Summer Youth Counselor — Edwin Marshall — H0705
 Office Assistant — Deborah S. Wright — H0604
 Office Assistant — Belinda J. Colburn — H0604
 Child Care Giver — Daydreania James — H0204
 Child Care Provider — Pamela M. Powell — H0204
 Child Care Provider — Mickie J. Newton — H0204
 Groundskeeper — Christopher L. McGirt — H0301

Secretary — Cheteena F. McElroy — H0204
 G. H. Manager Asst. — Vicki I. Dan — H0501
 Secretary II — Barbara S. Dunn — S0810
 ETA Manager — Curtis R. Hicks — M0408
 Job Developer — Fredo S. Anderson — S1010
 Counselor — Danna J. Minnick — S1010
 Intake Specialist — Roger D. Barnett — S0803
 Intake Clerk — Ellen K. Haney — S0804
 Library Aide — Shelly L. Williams — H0502
 Teacher Aide — LaTrea Warrior — H0502
 Maintenance — Joseph T. Leitka — H0402
 Maintenance — Jimmy Basquez — H0402
 Nutrition Coordinator — Rhonda Lynn Williams — S0705
 Teacher Aide — Patricia Brown — S0304
 Head Start Program Coordinator — Sherryl Ann Gonseth — M0509
 Research-Ref Specialist — Janetta F. Taylor — S0710
 Child Care Specialist — Janet L. Wise — S1005
 Data Entry Specialist — Lea Ann Nix — S0710
 Child Care Wrn. — Newman Frank Jr. — S0807
 Intern Counselor — Robin L. Coffee — H0602
 Teacher Aide — Karen Bear — S0304
 Teacher Aide — Elizabeth Phillips — H0302
 Teacher Aide — Sharon K. Smith — H0306
 Teacher Aide — Tabatha Colburn — H0304
 Teacher Aide — Jennifer Tarpalechee — H0302
 Cook — Mercedes Barnett — S0510
 Cook — Elouise Johnson — S0506
 Cook — Betty A. Hogshooter — S0501
 Cook — Marjorie A. Juneau — S0501
 Cook — Margie S. McIntosh — H0403
 Cook's Aide — George Ann McGirt — S0510
 Cook's Aide — Loretta J. Harjo — H0302
 Bus Driver Maintenance — Gary Bucktrot — S0304
 Bus Driver Maintenance — Billy Tiger — S0402
 Bus Driver Maintenance — Mitchell B. Beaver — S0402
 Bus Driver Maintenance — Leo Lee Hicks Jr. — S0403
 Cook's Aide — Martha Phillips — H0308
 Teacher — Madja June Simms — H0409
 Teacher Supervisor — Adeline West — H0508
 Teacher — Carolyn S. Henson — S0602
 Teacher — Evelyn Dowling — H0507
 Teacher — Janice Grace Lowe — H0409
 Teacher — Roberta L. Scott — H0409
 Teacher — Molesia J. Deer — S0605
 Teacher — Nellie G. Hallum — S0606
 Teacher — Elizabeth Townsend — S0601
 Teacher — Georgina Rowe — S0601
 Teacher — Thelma H. Bear — S0403
 Teacher — Kimberly J. Pilkinto — H0307
 Education Coordinator — Pamela Sue Half — S0710
 Supervisor Coordinator — Barbara A. O'Neal — S0803
 Cultural Coordinator — Robert Satterfield — S0705
 Disabilities Coordinator — Rickie C. Post oak — S0708
 Secretary I — Teresa Jennings — S0410
 Administrative Clerk — Cathy L. Curran — S0704
 Alternative Placement Specialist — Betty R. Gray — S0902
 Secretary I — Lora A. Frank — S0705
 Assistant Attorney General — Susan Stallings — H15
 ICW Caseworker I — Sandra E. Wilson — S0809
 Children & Family Services Manager — Scott A. Johnson — M0602
 Child Abuse Prevention Caseworker — Irene Culley — S0905
 Child Abuse Prevention Caseworker — George S. Coser — S1003
 Child Abuse Prevention Caseworker — Donald R. Cahwee — S0902
 Secretary I — Freda Frye — S0801
 SNAP Caseworker — Joby Redcorn — S0909
 Adoption Caseworker — Pamela K. Palmer — S0901
 Cultural Scientist — Rachele Vaughan — S0809
 Cultural Research Specialist — Timmy Thompson — S0709
 Certification Supervisor — Linday K. Rayon — H0810
 Certification Clerk I — Anita J. Lowe — H0605
 Office Clerk I — Carman Chalakee — H0403
 Warehouse Supervisor — Sam Marshall — H0809

Inventory Technician — Gregory A. Berryhill — H0409
 Inventory Technician — Kelly Thomas — H0507
 Inventory Technician — Randolph Smith — H0409
 Inventory Technician IV — Robert D. Washington — H0601
 Program Administrator — Charley LaSarge — M0508
 Office Clerk III — Delores J. Mambi — S0610
 Office Clerk III — Christine S. Durden — S0609
 Scholarship Officer — Chanenna J. Davis — M0410
 Secretary II — Jerrie On-The-Hill — S0810
 Realty Assistant Clerk — Sonya J. McIntosh — S0606
 Realty Specialist — Darla J. Yocham — S0910
 Realty Specialist I — Dennis Williams — S1003
 Realty Trust — Grace M. Slinker — S0807
 Realty Officer — Rodney Durossette — S1310
 Secretary — Leslie M. Stone — S0604
 Lighthouse III — Barton Williams — S0910
 Acting Lighthouse Chief — Marsey L. Scott — M0701
 Lighthouse Dispatcher — Barbara Evans — S0510
 Lighthouse (part-time) — Joe E. Watashe — H0402
 Lighthouse — Nahmee S. Wilson — H0510
 Lighthouse II — Everett Brake — H0710
 Lighthouse II — Jeff Fife — H0809
 Lighthouse II — Clarence M. Seifried — H0809
 Lighthouse III — Jerry A. Wittman — H0905
 Lighthouse III — Eldon Kelough — S0909
 Lighthouse III — Jimmy Alton Nixon — S0909
 Lighthouse III — Robert H. Dagenet — S0909
 Lighthouse III — J.D. Little — S0909
 Lighthouse III — Carla D. Cantrell — S0909
 Secretary-Dispatcher — Lorene Rabbit — S0702
 Secretary-Dispatcher — Carolyn S. Thomas — H0702
 Secretary-Dispatcher — Mary Williams — H0702
 Assistant Lighthouse Chief — Prentiss Berryhill — S1007
 Office Clerk III — Deborah L. McGirt — S0609
 Adult Education Specialist — Cheryl L. Bear — M0205
 Vocational Development Spec. — Otis Brown — S1008
 Office Clerk II — Kendra Round — S0510
 Office Clerk — Joyce Watson — H0402
 Caseworker — Janice L. Hanun — S1102
 Secretary II — Amelia F. Brown — S0809
 Caseworker — Augusta J. Anderson — S1101
 Caseworker — Martha Noon-Tomah — S1101
 Intake Worker — Susanna E. Franks — S0608
 Assistant Manager — Jimmy B. Hill — S1210
 Social Services Manager — Judy Haumpy — M0609
 Caseworker I — John Waggoner — S0809
 Child Tr. Specialist — Sandra Ann Johnson — H0903
 Historical Preservation — Alan Cook — S0910
 Office Clerk I — Amy Coachman — S0407
 Community Service Spec. — Kenneth Tiger — S0802
 Community Organizations Manager — Steven Landsberry — M0310
 Legal Administrator — Deborah A. Harjochee — S0910
 Assistant Attorney General — George B. Almerigi — S1509
 Legal Secretary II — Lydia C. McBroom — S0801
 Assistant Attorney General — Kenneth M. Yates — S1110
 Coordinator ADP — David J. Proctor — S1001
 Legal Assistant — Debra E. Gee — H0710
 Secretary — Jona L. Rade — S0704
 ESA Manager — Henry Harjo — M0407
 Assistant Contracts — Lucien Berryhill — S0910
 Office Clerk III — Debra J. Guthrie — S0608
 Property Improvement Specialist — Benjamin D. Hardridge — S0903
 Property Improvement Specialist — Alan D. Williams — H0906
 Equipment Operator — Toney W. Kelough — H0904
 Field Supervisor — Bob Arrington — S1008
 Cook's Aide — LaRue A. Martin — H0306
 Land Analyst — Page James — S0801
 Office Clerk III — Vicky L. Watashe — S0610
 Land Analyst Coordinator — Smiley Barnett — S0810
 Maintenance Worker — Maurice A. McGirt — H0403
 Maintenance Technician — Adam Jones Jr. — H0808
 Maintenance Technician — Bobby R. Jones — H0803

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Notices

Crow picked for leadership panel

DALLAS — Muscogee Nation Second Chief Shelly Crow has been chosen to participate in the White House Conference on Aging and Nutrition Sept. 30 in Little Rock, Ark.

Crow will prepare and present a one-page policy recommendation at the conference for the group to discuss the theme "Providing Leadership in Promoting a Nutrition Agenda for the Future."

Crow suggests citizens wanting to comment on elderly nutrition issues should contact the Muscogee National Council Community Services and Cultural Committee at (918) 758-1416.

Tribal judge placed on policy review team

MUSKOGEE — Muscogee Nation District Court Judge Patrick Moore has been appointed to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Muskogee Area Quality Improvement Team.

Moore will join nine others from various tribes and agencies within the Muskogee area office jurisdiction to develop recommendations and strategies for the juvenile justice system within the Court of Indian Offenses. The group will also review the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) court system to determine how juvenile court processes may be improved and implemented.

Moore, serving his third term as district court judge, was appointed to the bench in 1987.

Chickasaw Nation festival set

TISHOMINGO — The Chickasaw Nation Festival and Annual meeting begins at 6 p.m., Sept. 24 with the Chickasaw Princess Pageant and concludes Oct. 1 with a chili cook-off contest.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anaoutubby will give his state of the nation address at 11:30 a.m., Oct. 1.

The festival schedule is as follows:

- Sept. 24 — Chickasaw Princess Pageant, 6 p.m., Fletcher Auditorium, Murray State College;
- Sept. 28 through Oct. 1 — Goodtimes Carnival, Pennington Park;
- Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 — All-Indian rodeo, 8 p.m. and 6 p.m., respectively, at the Teepee Arena;
- Oct. 1 — arts, crafts, and food vendors' booths open, and Blue River Classic Car and Truck Show, both begin at 9 a.m.; parade, 10 a.m.; Clayburn Straughn Native American Art Show, Chickasaw dancers, stickball games, and cultural expressions, 10 a.m.; Chickasaw Nation Capitol Building grounds; state of nation address, 11:30 a.m.; Chickasaw Capitol Building; and chili cook-off judging, 12 p.m., Pennington Park.

For more information, call 1-800-593-3356 or (405) 371-2175.

Holiday delays The MNN

OKMULGEE — Printing and distribution of the September edition of *The Muscogee Nation News* was delayed because of scheduling changes made by the printer with regard to Labor Day, Sept. 5. *The MNN* is printed at the *Okmulgee Daily Times*. Distribution of the tribal publication is made from the Okmulgee Post Office. *The MNN* is mailed third class which is generally slower than first class mail.



photo by Gerald Wofford

Betty Woodfield, leading, is joined by Paul Jones in a group exercise at the diabetic support group meeting at the Okmulgee Indian Community Center. The group is sponsored by the Muscogee Nation Community Health Representatives Program. In back are Jake Monday and Norma Jean Snead, both of Okmulgee.

Employees' roster

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Custodian — Jeanette M. Mitchell — H0609
 Maintenance Foreman — John A. Sloan — M0310
 Coordinator Health — Shelly R. Hagy — H0807
 Cook (part-time) — Harold Loyd Burris — H0410
 Academic Advisor — Sheril K. Saltsman — S0904
 Behavior Counselor — Gayla Norman — S0908
 Secretary I — Francile A. Contreras — S0809
 Eufaula Dormitory Administrator — Greg Anderson — M0608
 Administrative Assistant II — Norma Jean Lee — S1006
 Coordinator ICW — Redeena Minyard — S1005
 Caseworker I — Leonard R. Gouge — S0809
 Case Management Spec. — Nettie L. Harjo — S0907
 Intake Clerk I — Katherine L. Willie — S0704
 Office Clerk I — Gloria Haynes — S0408
 Transportation Planner — David McKinney — S0808
 Office Clerk II — Jim L. Chalakee — S0605
 JOM Field Representative — Grace Bunner — S0808
 JOM Field Representative — Sandra Peters — S0807
 JOM Manager — Kenneth Taryole — M0407
 Lighthouse — Sandy L. Robertson — H0606
 Lighthouse Officer I — Overton Washington — H0502
 Lighthouse I — James K. Doyle — H0601
 Lighthouse I — Richard D. Fixico — H0606
 Lighthouse I — Michael S. Morgan — H0601
 Lighthouse — Sonny Fields — H0402
 Lighthouse — Sonnie E. Doyle — H0601
 Lighthouse I — Gaines R. Bunny — H0603
 Lighthouse I — Roman R. Watashe — H0701
 Lighthouse I — Ben J. Watashe — H0701
 Lighthouse I — Robert A. Solis — H0702
 Lighthouse I — Joseph L. Mosquito — H0601
 Lighthouse I — Richard B. Wildcat — H0601
 Lighthouse I — Roman R. Harjo — H0601
 Lighthouse I — Ryan Starkey — H0603
 Lighthouse I — Robert L. Fixico — H0603
 Carpenter Assistant — Shane T. Berry — H0408
 Carpenter Assistant — Michael W. Odom — H0504
 Construction Manager — Ray D. Fish — M0801
 Night Janitor — Sylvia Y. Lee — H0505
 Facilities Supervisor — William M. Dowdy — M0303

Night Janitor — Henry M. Bear — H0501
 Night Janitor Supervisor — David McGirt — H0606
 Night Janitor — Johnny R. Thomas — H0503
 Night Janitor — Myrtle M. Fraser — H0505
 Night Janitor — Dolores A. Wall — H0505
 Day Custodian — Richard T. Harley — H0501
 Maintenance — Danny Roberts — H0605
 Maintenance — Sammy R. Harjo — H0601
 Maintenance Worker — Richard Buckley — H0601
 Maintenance Technician — William R. Lee — H0605
 Maintenance — Jimmy King — H0603
 Post Base Exchange Receptionist — Jessie E. Watashe — H0601
 Secretary I — Salena E. Watashe — S0701
 Maintenance — Russell E. Watashe — H0701
 Housing Specialist — Betty L. Woodfield — S0701
 Elderly Housing Manager — Barbara K. Goodman — M0203
 Omnplex Laborer — Roger Burgess — H0602
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 Commissioner — Mike Stidham — \$75 per meeting
 Commissioner — Robert Simpson — \$75 per meeting
 Commissioner — Mike McCoy — \$75 per meeting
 Commissioner — Frank Kamp — \$75 per meeting
 Secretary — Karen Mackey — \$30 per meeting
MUSKOGEE NATION ELECTION BOARD
 Member — Kenneth Moore — \$75 per meeting
 Member — Mary Sue Peak — \$75 per meeting
 Member — Susanna Willits — \$75 per meeting
 Member — Kenan Phillips — \$75 per meeting
MUSKOGEE NATION CITIZENSHIP BOARD
 Member — Toske Willits — \$75 per meeting
 Member — Eliza Hicks — \$75 per meeting
 Member — Martha Houle — \$75 per meeting
 Member — Bryant Jesse — \$75 per meeting
 Member — Charlotte Anderson — \$75 per meeting
MUSKOGEE NATION JUDICIAL BRANCH
 Chief Justice — Richard Lerblance — \$60 per hour
 Vice-Chief Justice — Jimmy Hayes — \$60 per hour
 Justice — Michael Flud — \$60 per hour
 Justice — Joe Johnson — \$60 per hour
 Justice — Amos McNac — \$60 per hour
 District Court Judge — Pat Moore — \$60 per hour
 • NOTE: The Muscogee Nation Farm Authority Board and Muscogee Nation Gaming Operations Authority Board have not submitted the required information at press time.



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Human rights hearing agenda topics set

OKMULGEE — Opening ceremonies for a Native American human rights hearing begin at 9 a.m., Oct. 15 at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Capitol Complex.

One of seven national World Council of Churches and National Council of Churches hearings, the Oklahoma forum will afford an opportunity for Native Americans subjected to institutional racism to testify.

The hearings are part of a year-long campaign initiated by the World Council of Churches and National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA to investigate human rights violations in the United States.

The national hearing process will include the convening of a panel of nine eminent church officials and human rights experts from the international community. The panelists' objective is to produce a report documenting U.S. human rights violations. Findings from this report will be presented to the United Nations Human Rights Commission in February 1995.

Panelists for the hearing are: Federico Pagura, president of *Consejo Latinoamericano de Iglesias*; Donald Woods, South African lecturer, writer, broadcaster; and Doreen Boyd, deputy general secretary of Young Women's Christian Association.

Prepared testimony from Native Americans will be heard from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Themes for testimony include:

- **Cultural**
 - religious freedom, and
 - desecration of sacred sites;
- **Sovereignty**
 - legislative racism: Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990; state recognized tribes; State of Oklahoma-Oklahoma tribes tobacco compact;
- **Economics**
 - employment, and
 - tourism and exploitation of Indian culture and spirituality;
- **Social**
 - education,
 - health, and
 - Human Genome Diversity Project;
- **Environmental Racism**
 - hazardous waste sites on reservation and tribal lands, and
 - urban situations;
- **Criminal Justice System**
 - arrest and incarceration rate,
 - selective sentencing, and
 - police brutality.

The hearing will be held in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Independent Agencies (mound) auditorium at the tribal capitol complex, U.S. Highway 75 and loop 56. For more Oklahoma hearing information, contact state planning committee members Herschell Daney or Frances Wise at: (918) 245-2639 or (405) 681-5966.

Muscogee warrior honored

Lt. Col. Ernest Childers unveils the symbolic statue created in his likeness during a Sept. 24 commemoration ceremony.

Sculpted by the late Allan Houser, the work symbolizes all Armed Forces veterans.

Childers is one of 400 charter members of President Dwight Eisenhower's Medal of Honor Society. Childers is reportedly the second oldest of the 183 living members.

"Of course, knowing that's a likeness of me is very rewarding. But I realize what the artist and the community were trying to capture was not me, but a symbol of all the men and women who have served this country with honor in the Armed Forces."

— Lt. Col. Ernest Childers



photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Council approves portion of FY '95 budget

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) National Council approved a portion of the proposed fiscal year 1995 comprehensive budget at its Sept. 24 regular session.

The 36-member tribal legislature authorized the appropriation that allows continued operation of tribal programs and services for the first quarter of fiscal year 1995 (Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, 1994).

Language in the bill, NCA 94-67, contends the Council needs more time to complete its budget hearings. Review of the FY 1995 budgets for the Council and the tribal judicial branch has been completed with revisions made to both.

Remaining is review of the proposed executive branch budget proposals.

The executive branch did receive authorization to spend 25 percent for all line items. Exceptions include personnel, employee fringe benefits, and direct client services.

The personnel and fringe benefit line items will be funded at 25 percent of the fiscal year 1994 level. Client services expenditures, however, are

set at 75 percent of the FY 1995 comprehensive budget.

The Council also restricted any budget modifications until final authorization for the total comprehensive budget is given.

In June, Principal Chief Bill Fife submitted a \$94 million dollar comprehensive budget for FY 1995. Since then, the Council has been reviewing budgets for the legislative and judicial branches as well as administrative department line items.

The bill was amended twice — once for a \$479,738 appropriation and to include changes in the method of compensation for the judicial branch and again to exclude some programs from the continuing ordinance.

Those programs are: health administration; Creek Nation construction; Creek Nation Housing Authority; tribal transit program; and industrial development board.

No date was set for final approval of the comprehensive budget. The Council voting record for NCA 94-67 appears on page 8.

Second Chief Crow receives state and federal appointments on health issues

Editor's note: The following announcements appear in lieu of Muscogee Nation Second Chief Shelly Crow's monthly column. Crow's column is expected to return in the November edition of *The Muscogee Nation News*.

Muscogee Nation Second Chief Shelly Crow has been appointed to the Interagency Coordinating Council for Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy and Sexually Transmitted Disease by Oklahoma Governor David Walters.

The state has declared an emergency regarding these social and health issues. A recent state statute establishes a comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary, and interagency effort to reduce the rates of adolescent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

Crow is one of 31 appointed members asked to develop a state plan of action. A public awareness campaign and the identification of prevention strategies to develop a model program emphasizing community-level empowerment are two priorities named in the plan.

Crow has been invited to review special project grants for the U.S. Public Health Service, Federal Division of Nursing in Rockville, Md., at the request of PHS, also.

This is the second consecutive year that Crow has reviewed grants for USPHS-Rockville. Last year Crow, who has a master's degree in nursing, along with physicians, nurses, professors, and federal agencies, reviewed submitted proposals for special health and nursing related projects.

Letters to the editor

Former board member expresses thanks
Editor:

I wish to thank the Creek people for the opportunity to serve on the gaming operations authority board. During my tenure we were able to achieve several of my goals. Of those goals, the Muscogee bingo hall was opened. It now has the financial ability to repay the loan and make a small profit. Most importantly, it provides employment for Creek citizens. Also, the leaking roof was replaced on this hall at a lower cost than was first anticipated and is now covered by a warranty. Class III gaming compacts have been initiated and are currently being negotiated with the state of Oklahoma. Creek citizens have been employed as general managers of our three bingo halls. Okmulgee and Tulsa bingo facilities have been upgraded, and possibly the most significant accomplishment was providing health insurance for bingo employees.

I want to congratulate my replacement, Dwayne Hughes, on his confirmation. I wish him well.

Kenneth L. Childers, Glenpool

Editor's note: Childers served two one-year terms on the Muscogee Nation Gaming Operations Authority Board beginning July 1992 and ending July 1994.

Legal notice

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RE: Cause C.D. No. 940-003469-T

STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Charlotte Jeanetta Scott, now Sawatzky, Effie Rhea White Fawn, Scott Rigali, Bruce Scott, Joe Scott, and the heirs of the estate of Bruce Patterson Scott, deceased, if the above named individual is deceased, then the unknown heirs, executor, administrators, devisees, trustees, and assigns, both immediate and remote, of such deceased individual; if any of the above named parties designated as executor is not acting in such capacity as executor, and all other persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers, and particularly in Okfuskee County, Oklahoma.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the applicant, GMG Oil and Gas Corp., has filed an application in this cause requesting the Corporation Commission of Oklahoma to enter an Order, pooling the interests of the oil and gas owners, and adjudicating the rights and equities in connection with the 20 acre drilling and spacing unit which has been requested by the Applicant for the S/2 SE/4 SW/4 of Section 14, Township 10 North, Range 11 East, Okfuskee County, Oklahoma for the Calvin, Senora, Red Fork, Bartlesville, Booch, Hartshorne, Gilcrease and Union Valley-Cromwell common sources of supply underlying the unit. The interest of the oil and gas owners involved herein and the rights and equities in respect thereto are to be pooled and adjudicated pursuant to 52 O.S. §87.1 on the basis of the drilling and spacing units covered hereby. The Application in this cause states that the Applicant has proposed the development of the separate common sources of supply in the drilling and spacing unit involved herein under a plan of development and has proposed to commence such plan by development of an initial well in the S/2 SW/4 SE/4 of Section 14, Township 10 North, Range 11 East, Okfuskee County, Oklahoma and that Applicant has been unable to reach an agreement with the owners of the right to drill named as Respondents herein with respect to such proposed plan of development of the drilling and spacing unit and separate common sources of supply covered thereby.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Application in this cause requests that Applicant or some other party recommended by Applicant be designated as Operator of the drilling and spacing units and separate common sources of supply involved herein, including the proposed initial well under Applicant's proposed plan of development of such units.

IT IS ORDERED that this Cause be referred at an Administrative Law Judge for hearing, taking of evidence, and reporting the findings and recommendations to the Commission.

IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that this Cause will be heard before an Administrative Law Judge on the Initial Hearing Docket at the Corporation Commission, 440 S. Houston, Tulsa, Oklahoma, at 8:30 a.m. on the third day of October, 1994, and that this notice and order be published as required by the law and the rules of the Commission.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Applicant and interested parties may present testimony by telephone. The cost of telephone communication shall be paid by the person or persons requesting its use. Interested parties who wish to participate by telephone shall contact the Applicant or Applicant's attorney prior to the hearing date, and provide their name and phone number.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested persons may appear and be heard. For information concerning this action, contact Don Henson, P.O. Box 993, Okmulgee, OK 74447, (918) 756-5023 or Lee I. Levinson, Attorney at Law, 5310 E. 31st Street, Suite 900, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74135, (918) 664-0800.

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Bid solicitation

Glenpool Creek Indian Community
accepting renovation bids

GLENPOOL — Glenpool Creek Indian Community is accepting bids for the renovation of the activity building at 13839 S. Casper (just north of the U.S. Highway 75 and 141st St. South intersection). For more information, contact the community center at (918) 291-6889 or community chair Ken Childers at: P.O. Box 946, Glenpool, OK 74033.

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Deadline for submissions is the third Friday of every month. *The Muscogee Nation News* reserves the right to edit all submissions for space, style, and grammar.

The Muscogee Nation News is mailed to all enrolled citizens' households upon request and proof of citizenship. Inquiries should be directed to the tribal communications department.

Jim Wolfe, managing editor

Stephanie Berryhill, senior staff writer

Council overrides veto, creates direct services fund

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) National Council overrode a veto of a bill amending the establishment of a permanent fund at its Sept. 24 regular session.

The bill, NCA 94-61, amended an earlier ordinance (NCA 89-135) that created a permanent fund from gaming revenues. The original bill allowed only the expenditures of the interest money earned from the principal.

The most recent legislation amended the earlier ordinance — specifically funds earned by the tribe when it began managing Creek Nation Tulsa Bingo. A court order mandated the tribe to place the disputed revenues (40 percent of the net profit) into an escrow account.

The original ordinance prevented any disputed funds from being placed in the permanent fund until the litigation was settled. The exception was money received by the tribe during the interim management period for operations expense.

NCA 94-61 amends that section to allow 20 percent of the funds — approximately \$1.06 million — to be appropriated by the National Council for direct client services and specifically prohibits the funds to be used for tribal payroll or indirect costs.

The amendment was approved at the August regular session. Principal Chief Bill Fife, however, vetoed the legislation, citing the need for capital improvements and money for tribal operations.

Fife noted in his veto message that any increase in tribal services necessitates an increase in administrative staff.

"We have expanded operations, [initiated] new programs, greater identified needs, and more employees providing for those needs," Fife wrote.

Okfuskee District representative Wynema Roberts, the bill's author, said the needs of the citizens are too much to ignore.

"We have a lot of Indian people falling through the cracks that cannot get services," Roberts said. "We can have an account that will allow us to help these people."

Roberts' appeal was effective. The Council voted 32-1 to override.

"I think this Council is really sincere about helping people and concerned about the needs of the people first," Roberts said. "The Council should be praised for voting to override."

Voting for the override were: Duke Harjo, Phyllis Warrington, and Earl Wheeler, Creek Dist.; Darrell Coachman and Dwayne Lowe, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; Wilbur Gouge, Sandy McIntosh, Thomas McIntosh, and Yahola Townsend, McIntosh Dist.; Helen Chupco, Charlie Coker, and Frances Pease, Muskogee Dist.; Mae Jackson, Clyde Johnson, Wynema Roberts, and Bruce Smith, Okfuskee Dist.; A.D. Ellis, Anderson Hale, Jim Harjo, Dave Lewis, Charlie Litsey, Peggy Lyda, and David Nichols, Okmulgee Dist.; Perry Beaver, Larry Bible, Steve Bruner, Irene Cleghorn, Jess Kelley, Earl King, and Edwin Moore, Tulsa Dist.; and Richard Berryhill and Barbara Gillespie, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes Dist.

Council adds credit and finance program to compact

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) National Council authorized the principal chief to include a credit and finance program in the self-governance compact at an Aug. 31 special session.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs Credit and Finance program was administering the day-to-day operations for the Muskogee County Indian Credit Association. The credit association is a federally chartered Indian cooperative serviced by the BIA.

That portion of the program had been excluded from the tribe's self-governance compact by ordinance.

NCA 94-63 repeals that ordinance, NCA 93-122. Current program staff are expected to be retained to administer the program.

The vote was 21-8. Voting for the bill were: Phyllis Warrington, Creek Dist.; Dwayne Lowe and Thomas Yahola, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; Yahola Townsend, McIntosh Dist.; Helen Chupco, Charlie Coker, and Frances Pease, Muskogee Dist.; Mae

Jackson, Clyde Johnson, Wynema Roberts, and Bruce Smith, Okfuskee Dist.; Anderson Hale, Dave Lewis, and Peggy Lyda, Okmulgee Dist.; Perry Beaver, Irene Cleghorn, Jess Kelley, Earl King, and Edwin Moore, Tulsa Dist.; and Richard Berryhill and Barbara Gillespie, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes Dist.

Voting against the bill were: Duke Harjo and Earl Wheeler, Creek Dist.; Tim Fife, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; Wilbur Gouge and Thomas McIntosh, McIntosh Dist.; A.D. Ellis, Jim Harjo, and Charlie Litsey, Okmulgee Dist.

Absent from the meeting were: Leah Jack, Creek Dist.; Darrell Coachman, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; Sandy McIntosh and Tommy Newton, McIntosh Dist.; David Nichols, Okmulgee Dist.; and Larry Bible, Tulsa Dist.

Council Speaker Steve Bruner conducted the meeting and votes only to break a tie or during consideration of vetoes.

Voting against the override was Tim Fife, Hughes-Seminole Dist.

Absent from the meeting were: Leah Jack, Creek Dist.; Thomas Yahola, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; and Tommy Newton, McIntosh Dist.

In other business, the Council:

— voted unanimously (32-0) to postpone consideration of Tina Harjocee of Wetumka, DeLoise Johnson of Coweta,

Mary Lee of Longview, Texas, and Waukomis Lewis of Claremore, to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Health Systems Board. The Council's community services committee wants to accept resumes through Oct. 15;

— approved unanimously (32-0) to allow the chief to negotiate for the Bu-

please see **COUNCIL**..., page 8

Government briefs

Council women attend conference

WASHINGTON — Four women from the Muscogee (Creek) National Council attended the White House meeting for elected women tribal leaders in July.

Helen Chupco, Barbara Gillespie, Peggy Lyda, and Frances Pease were among 90 other Indian women leaders to attend the first Indian women's leadership conference sponsored by U.S. President Bill Clinton's administration and facilitated by the National Congress of American Indians.

Those attending heard remarks from prominent women in the Clinton administration, including first lady Hillary Clinton. Others addressing the group were: Janet Reno, U.S. Attorney General; Hazel O'Leary, secretary of energy; Alice Rivlin, director of the office of management and budget; and Ada Deer, assistant secretary for Indian affairs, U.S. Department of Interior.

"It was good to meet other women from different tribes and hear their ideas," said Lyda, a first-term

Okmulgee District representative. "It was real informative to hear how other women from other tribes handle their problems."

Chupco and Pease are Muskogee District representatives, and Gillespie is a Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes District representative. The four are among nine women currently serving on the National Council.

Tribal employees' roster additions

The following are corrections to the list that appeared in the September edition of *The Muscogee Nation News* ("Muscogee Nation position roster"), in accordance with National Council Act 89-07.

Muscogee Nation Administration

policy analyst — Robert E. LaGrone Jr. — S
director — Fredo S. Anderson III — M0805
Invn/tech/Iv — Robert D. Washington Jr. — H0601
Secretary II — Francile A. Contreras — S0809
Lighthouse I — Sandy L. Robertson — H0606
Lighthouse Officer I — Overton Washington Jr. — H0502

Lighthouse I — Richard D. Fixico Jr. — H0606
Supervisor — William M. Dowdy Sr. — H0303
Muscogee Nation Election Board
Member — Kennan Phillips — \$75 per meeting
Industrial Development Commission
Commissioner — Robert Simpson III — \$75 per meeting
Muscogee Nation Judicial Branch
Justice — Ed Frye — \$60 per hour.

Muscogee citizen in run-off

SAPULPA — Muscogee citizen Roy Cooper is the Republican candidate for Creek County Commissioner District 3.

Cooper is a Kellyville resident. He was not included in a list of tribal citizens seeking elected office that appeared in the August edition of *The Muscogee Nation News*.

He faces incumbent Roger Boomer, also of Kellyville, in the November 8 general election.

Program briefs

Details of CNHA grant award announced

OKMULGEE — The Creek Nation Housing Authority announced it will receive funding for 23 units of new housing from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Total funds for the project are more than \$1.7 million.

"Although we would have liked to receive more units, we are pleased with this award," said Joe Jackson, CNHA executive director. "This allocation, again, is due to the hard work and joint effort on the part of the board of commissioners and the housing authority staff. We are pleased that we have received funding for new housing projects for two consecutive years."

With a current waiting list of more than 700 families wanting to participate in the mutual help home ownership program, the new allocation of housing will "allow us to meet some of the tremendous demand for housing that exists throughout the Creek Nation," Jackson said.

The mutual help home ownership program allows families to buy a home from the housing authority and have their house payment based on their annual income.

The development of the 150 new units awarded to the CNHA last year is underway, and plans for actual construction are anticipated to begin within the next 60 days. Of these 150 homes, 50 were purchased to provide housing for those in immediate need.

"With the new allocation of 23 units, we can now make plans to provide safe, decent, and sanitary housing to 173 families within the next year in the [Muscogee Nation jurisdiction]," Jackson said.

"I am proud of our staff who put in so many hours into ensuring that the Creek Nation Housing Authority received this funding," said Kenneth Childers, chair of CNHA Board of Commissioners. "I commend everyone involved for their hard work and commitment."

The CNHA currently administers 1,434 homes through the mutual help home ownership program as well as 328 rental units in four apartment communities. The CNHA main office is at the tribal capitol complex, U.S. Highway 75 and loop 56. The phone numbers are (918) 756-8504 or toll free, 1(800) 259-5050.

Okemah health center manager named

OKEMAH — Lois Sharan Beard, D.O. has been named manager of the Okemah Indian Health Center. Beard began her duties Aug. 22.

She was trained as a registered nurse and received an associate of science degree in nursing from Mesa College, Grand Junction, Colo. Beard is also a 1988 graduate of the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Tulsa.

She was employed previously with the state of Oklahoma and most recently was the medical director at George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute, Okmulgee, for three years.

She and her husband, Steve Gregory, reside in Broken Arrow with their two children, Denise, 15, and Michael, 17.



Public health nurse Kelly Briggs, Sapulpa health clinic, administers a cholesterol test to Marlin Cook of Bristow, during the diabetes awareness camp held in August at St. Crispins near Wewoka. photo by Gerald Wofford

Contract health services explained

OKEMAH — When patients need specialized medical or dental services not provided by Muscogee Nation health care programs, physicians and dentists may write a referral to a health care provider outside the jurisdiction of Indian Health Service or the tribal health system.

The contract health services (CHS) program provides funding for some of these referrals, based on a priority system established by IHS. Referrals are reviewed weekly and prioritized in order of medical need by the CHS review committee. Referral is then approved, denied, or deferred based on the availability of funds.

Patients are advised to learn how the CHS program works at the time they receive the referral. If no information was received, call the CHS staff at (918) 623-1424, or ask the clinic referral clerk.

Contract providers will send bills to patients rather than to the CHS program. It is the patient's responsibility to forward these bills to Creek Nation Community Hospital, Contract Health Services Department, 309 N. 14th St., Okemah, OK 74859.

Only approved services will be paid. Sometimes patients assume incorrectly that a physician referral guarantees CHS will pay for treatment. If a patient believes he or she has received a bill mistakenly, contact the CHS staff immediately. Do not wait until the bill is turned over to a collection agency.

According to federal regulations, eligible patients possess a certificate of degree of Indian blood (CDIB), reside within the defined geographic catchment area of the Muscogee Nation, and must have exhausted all other resources to pay for the care (i.e., Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans Administration, workmen's compensation, Title XIX, and/or private insurance).

Third party resources are primary. CHS is the payor of last resort.

Payment of CHS referrals depends on medical necessity and availability of funds. The tribe receives a limited amount each year for contract funds for services. For this reason, each referral is reviewed by the CHS case manager and/or a CHS committee, where the referral is categorized for payment according to IHS eligibility and medical priority guidelines. The committee is comprised of the case manager, CHS specialist(s), and one or more of the Muscogee Nation physicians.

Appealing contract health decisions

Emergency and life-threatening situations are almost always approved for payment. Lower priority cases may be designated as deferred or denied.

When a patient receives deferred status, that means the requested service may be eligible for payment if funds become available.

When a patient's referral has been denied, it means the cost of services must be borne by the patient. Patients can, however, appeal the decision.

Appeals should be addressed to: Attn: CHS Office, Creek Nation Community Hospital, 309 N. 14th St., Okemah, OK 74859.

Appeals must be in writing and should contain additional information to support the request for reconsideration. If the appeal is denied at the committee level, further appeals should be directed in writing to: Director, Oklahoma City Area IHS, Five Corporate Plaza, 3625 N.W. 56th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

Appeals must be made within 30 days after receipt of denial notice.

Persons moving to another state are eligible for tribal CHS for a period of 180 days for emergency care only, because eligibility is tied to residency. Routine obstetric care, for example, is not considered emergency care. Students are covered by their permanent residence — the area in which the student was eligible for CHS prior to leaving.

If unable to get to an Indian Health Service hospi-

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Muscogee community announcements

Glenpool Creek Indian Community

GLENPOOL — The Glenpool Creek Indian Community is hosting a Halloween party from 6 to 10 p.m., Oct. 19 at the activity building, 13839 S. Casper. Games, prizes, refreshments, a spook house, and other surprises will be offered. Everyone is asked to wear a costume. The public is invited.

Tulsa Creek Indian Community

TULSA — Tulsa Creek Indian Community Halloween party will be begin at 7 p.m., Oct. 29, at the Town West Shopping Center on the northeast corner behind Dana's Furniture Store, 5610 W. Skelly Drive.

A costume contest begins at 8 p.m. with categories for ages: 0 to 5 years old; 6 to 12 years old; 13 to 18 years old; and ages 19 and over. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners in each category. Other prizes will be given to second and third place winners.

An amateur talent contest will follow the costume judging. Performers must be at least 16 years old and will be limited to four minutes per performance. To enter the contest, call Paula Willits at (918) 445-1155 by Oct. 27.

A chili cook-off is also a part of the community activities. First place is \$50 with prizes also being awarded to second and third places. After the judging, chili will be sold for 50 cents a bowl.

Other activities include a cake walk and childrens' games. The cost of the games will be no more than 50 cents. All members and other community members are invited. Concessions will be available. To donate food or prizes, or for more information, contact the TCIC offices at (918) 832-7062.

Eufaula community powwow results

EUFAULA — The following are contest results from the Eufaula Indian Community Labor Day Powwow.

Dominoes — first, Harry Brown, Tulsa; second, Steve Thomas, Eufaula; and third, Sam Watson, Eufaula

Volleyball — first, Oklahoma City; second, Eufaula Indian Community

Senior men's grass — first, Sonny Cole, El Reno; second, Rick Anquoe, El Reno; third, Larry Thompson, Glenpool; and fourth, Matt Littlecreek, Oklahoma City

Senior men's traditional — first, Vince Longhorn, Tecumseh; second, Robert Bushy, Watonga; third, Cecil Dawes, Lawrence, Kan.; and fourth, Tom Longhorn, Oklahoma City

Senior men's fancy — first, Graham Primeaux, Norman; second, Kevin Connywerdy, Norman; third, Amos Littlecrow, Shawnee; and fourth, Keith Longhorn, Norman

Senior men's straight — first, Lewis Cozad, Oklahoma City; second, Ralph Haymond, Pawnee; and fourth, Redsky Wahpepah, Jones

Senior women's shawl-jingle — first, Michelle Bushy, Watonga; second, Diane Bartness, Del City; third, Tahnee Ahtone, Oklahoma City; and fourth, Tahfa Bushy, Watonga

Senior women's cloth — first, Danielle Primeaux, Norman; second, Mabel Cozad, Oklahoma City; third, Netti Marie Littlecalf, El Reno; and fourth, Tonette Ponkilla, Shawnee

Senior women's buckskin — first, Karen Haymond, Kaw City; second, Jonita Sellers, Tulsa; third, Chelsea Anglin, Lawrence, Kan.; and fourth,

Alice Ann Kaulaioty, Lawton

Junior boys' straight-grass-traditional — first, Barry Brown, Pawnee; second, A.J. Leading Fox, Pawnee; third, Notah Wahpepah, Jones; and fourth, Josh Leading Fox, Pawnee

Junior boys' fancy — first, Sly Isaac, Oklahoma City; second, Wayne Longhorn, Tecumseh; and third, Ryan Harjo, Kanas City, Mo.

Junior girls' cloth-buckskin — first, Amelia Cozad, Oklahoma City; second, Nicole Plumley, Oklahoma City; third, Lisa Bender, Norman; and fourth, Kayla Butler, Eufaula

Junior girls' fancy shawl — first, Adrienne Anquoe, Tulsa; second, Susan Davilla, Oklahoma City; third, Stephanie Longhorn, Tecumseh; and fourth, Maui Wakins, Oklahoma City

Muscogee people

Muscogee citizen recognized

SACATON, Ariz. — Muscogee citizen Kelly R. Moore has been nominated for the U.S. Public Health Service Achievement Medal for her performance as the clinical director for the Sacaton Service Unit, June 1991 to October 1993.

Moore transferred from Portland Area Indian Health Service to the Sacaton Service Unit in July 1991 to become clinical director.

According to her justification letter, Moore has demonstrated her ability to provide clinical care for Indian patients and leadership to the medical staff. Through her efforts, the medical staff is at full complement with five of the nine physicians being American Indian.

Moore is a board certified pediatrician. She has been an active member of the Gila River Indian Community Child Protection Team and an advocate for all children.

Moore is the daughter of Edwin Moore Sr. of Muskogee. She is the sister of Muscogee (Creek) National Council Tulsa District representative Ed Moore Jr.

Muscogee citizen vendors president

CHICAGO — Muscogee citizen Raymond Washburn was elected national president of the Randolph-Sheppard Vendors of America at the annual convention recently.

Washburn, 47, has been a self-employed vending stand operator through Visual Services for 29 years. He is past president and current board member of the Randolph-Sheppard Vendors of Oklahoma. Washburn has also served as board member of the Oklahoma Council of the Blind and is past vice-president of the Helping Hands Lions Club.

A Bristow native, Washburn is the son of Dimmie and Marie Brown Washburn. He attended the School for the Blind, Muskogee. In 1986, Washburn was nominated as Oklahoma Native American Business Person of the Year. He is also an honorary member of the Women's Federal Program because of his donations to that organization.

He and his wife, Mary Lou, reside in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Washburn is also elected to her third term as national secretary of the Randolph-Sheppard Vendors of America.

Muscogee births

Vincent Seth Meadows

OKMULGEE — Vincent Seth Meadows was born April 21, to Muscogee citizen Rose and Robert Meadows of Dewar, at Okmulgee Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 20 inches long at birth.

The couple also has a daughter, Rebecca.

Maternal grandparents are Mose and Naomi Lindsey of Dewar. Paternal grandparents are Janet Meadows and the late Robert Meadows of Henryetta.



Meadows

Education briefs

Art teacher wins award

CYPRESS, Texas — Muscogee citizen Pat Jones, art curriculum coordinator for the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District, has won the 1994 Texas Art Educator of the year award.

The award, sponsored by the National Art Education Association, honors exemplary contributions, service, and achievement at the state level. Jones received the award at the NAEA convention in Baltimore.

"Ms. Jones exemplifies the high quality of individuals involved in the field of art education today... who (have given) their very best to the field," said Mark Hansen, NAEA president.

Jones began her career with Cypress-Fairbanks in 1969 as a teacher. She has been the art curriculum coordinator since 1976.

Citizen signs baseball scholarship

INDIANAPOLIS — Muscogee citizen Jacob Mosquito has signed a letter-of-intent to play baseball at Indianapolis University.

Mosquito, a 1993 Mounds High School graduate, was a red-shirt freshman at Oklahoma State University. At Mounds, Mosquito hit .457 his senior year and was named Frisco Conference offensive player of the year as well as the Mounds High School pitcher of the year.

Indianapolis University baseball coach Gary Vaught said Mosquito is expected to contribute immediately.

"He'll pitch some for us and he can work the infield and some outfield," Vaught said. "[He's] got tremendous speed.

"When you're at a small private institution like this, you have to recruit kids that can do several things and do them well. That's the main thing with him, Jacob is setting the tone for some other kids that they can come from a small town and play."

Mosquito is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Mosquito of Mounds.

Housing authority announces increase for administrative fees

OKMULGEE — The administrative fee for the Creek Nation Housing Authority's mutual help home ownership program will increase from the current rate of \$36 per month to \$50 per month. The payments of homebuyers paying between \$36 and \$49 per month, will increase to \$50. Those paying more than \$50 will not experience an increase, however the amount that goes into the equity each month will decrease by \$14.

In a letter to participants, CNHA executive director Joe Jackson wrote that the new \$50-rate is the second lowest administrative fee for any housing authority in Oklahoma.

Jackson attributed the need for the increase to higher taxes, insurance, maintenance, materials, and other basic operating expenses of the CNHA.

"This \$14 increase will allow the services of the authority to not only continue at their present level, but to keep improving [services] for several years to come without an increase," wrote Jackson. "It is always our desire to keep costs at the lowest possible level while providing quality service at the highest possible level."

For more information, call CNHA at (918) 756-8504 or outside the Okmulgee exchange area, call 1(800) 259-5050, toll free.

Principal Chief Bill Fife, left, signs a contract with Larry Edmondson & Associates of Tulsa, architects for the new community services building. The building will provide space for several programs.



photo by Jim Wolfe

Completion of the 10,000 square-foot facility is expected in December 1995. Also pictured at the signing are Larry and Donna Edmondson. Assistant attorney general George Almerigi observes.

Greenleaf Baptist builds new sanctuary

from the Okemah News Leader

OKEMAH — Greenleaf Baptist Church has torn down its original building to construct a new facility.

The church building was an Okfuskee County landmark. Greenleaf pastor Hiawatha "Boots" Fixico said the original building was erected around 1880 one of the oldest buildings in the area.

Fixico said the old structure was remodeled in the late 1920s, and was essentially the same building until recently.

He said the old church was in such disrepair that it became more economical to build a new facility rather than modernizing and expanding the old building.

The pastor is doing double duty during the construction — serving as both the construction foreman as well as the church's spiritual leader.

Fixico said plans are for the congregation to begin worshiping in the new building within a month.

The new building will be built on top of a concrete slab foundation and will be much more modern than the old structure, said Fixico.

Fixico said most of the labor on the church is being donated and all of the money is from contributions of church members and others.

Those wishing to donate to the work can do so by mailing their contributions to: Greenleaf Baptist Church, Box 488, Okemah, OK 74859.

Notices

Language tape available

OKLAHOMA CITY — Advance Mvskoke (Creek) language tapes with an accompanying booklet is now available. This set includes a tape of conversational sentences and a few songs. The package is \$15, plus \$2 shipping and handling (\$17 total). Make check or money order payable to Advance Creek Tape and mail to: George Bunny, 2941 Cashion Pl., Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

Religion notices

Springtown Methodist events

BROKEN ARROW — Springtown United Methodist Church will be holding a Halloween celebration beginning at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 29. A cake-walk and chili cook-off will be held as well as games to entertain all ages.

The church is also operating an Indian taco stand at a craft sale east of Coweta on state highway 51, on Oct. 8.

Services are held every Sunday. Sunday school begins at 10 a.m., followed by worship at 11. Wednesday night fellowship is at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Springtown United Methodist Church is located seven miles east of Broken Arrow on 71st Street, three miles north on Oak Grove Road and one-half of a mile east on 41st Street.

UMW to host craft sale

PRESTON — The United Methodist Women of the Northeast District, Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, will be having an arts and crafts "Country Fair" from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

Oct. 8 at the Northeast District Center. There will be a food sale also. The center is located three-fourths of a mile east of U.S. Highway 75 and Preston.

UMW holiday program set

TULSA — The United Methodist Women of the Northeast District will have their Thanksgiving-World Thank program Nov. 12 at Tulsa United Indian Methodist Church, 1901 N. College. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with a program to follow at 10. A Thanksgiving dinner will be shared at noon.

UMW elect officers

PRESTON — The United Methodist Women of the Northeast District elected officers for 1995-96 at its annual meeting in September. They are:

- Mildred Harjo, Shawnee, president;
- Bernice Hall, Okmulgee, vice-president;
- Martha McHenry, Coweta, secretary;

- Hattie Daniels, Tulsa, treasurer;
- Blanche Beaver, Oklahoma City, financial interpretation;

- Teresa Jennings, Okmulgee, Christian personhood;

- Betty Kroh, Dewey, global concerns;

- Imogene Harjo, Shawnee, social involvement;

- June Lee, Wewoka, supportive community;

- Ruth McHenry, Broken Arrow, membership;

- Ida Frank, Coweta, program resources and publicity;

- Rowena Tarpalechee, Okmulgee, nominating committee chair; and

- Carolyn Gonzales, Stillwell, and Mary Ann Joshua, Wewoka, nominating committee.

Bemo Baptist Church

BIXBY — Bemo Baptist Church will observe communion during worship services Oct. 23. Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. with worship service following

at 11. The church will also host a hog fry and Creek singing beginning at 5 p.m., Oct. 29. To get to the church, go west one-half of a mile from the intersection of 131st Street South and Memorial Drive, then one block south.

Little Cussetah vets program

SAPULPA — Little Cussetah Baptist Church will host a Veterans Day program with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m., Nov. 12. Dinner will be served.

Hilton Road, an east-west road that leads to the church is closed to westbound traffic. To get to the church from U.S. Highway 66, go past Hilton Road to 91st Street (across from Enlow Tractor Sales). Turn left, go west and at the next intersection, turn right and head south for approximately one-half of a mile and then turn east to the cemetery.

For more information, contact Phillip W. Coon at (918) 227-0896 or P.O. Box 2292, Sapulpa, OK 74067-2292.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation obituaries

MARY A. FELIX ALEXANDER

SAPULPA — Funeral services for Mary A. Felix Alexander were held Oct. 14 at Picket Chapel United Methodist Church with Revs. John Lowe and Julianne Judd officiating.

Alexander died Aug. 10 at Sherwood Manor Nursing Center, Tulsa.

She was born Dec. 9, 1930 in Kellyville.

Alexander was a full blood Yuchi and an enrolled member of the Muscogee Nation. She graduated from Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kan., and was a member of Pickett Chapel United Methodist Church.

Alexander worked as an insurance clerk for the Muscogee Nation and was active in the Creek Nation Rodeo Club.

She was preceded in death by: a sister, Lena Felix Walker; and a brother, James Felix Jr.

Survivors include: three sons, Robert and William Alexander, both of Kellyville, and Jimmy Alexander of Tulsa; a daughter, Sunshine King Hunter of Okmulgee; a brother, Amos Felix Jr. of Kellyville; three sisters, Irene Parkinson, Bessie Cahwee, and Sarah Whinery, all of Kellyville; and four grandchildren.

Interment was in the Felix Family Cemetery.

ROOSEVELT DERRISAW

OKMULGEE — Funeral services for Roosevelt Derrisaw were held Sept. 12 at Newtown United Methodist Church with Revs. Sammy Chupco, Willie Gooden, and George Miller officiating.

Derrisaw was born Dec. 10, 1907 to David and Maggie Derrisaw in Okmulgee. He died Sept. 8 in Okmulgee.

Derrisaw was a retired machinist and welder and a member of Newtown United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Thelma.

Survivors include: a brother, Willie Derrisaw of Oklahoma; one daughter, Chiquita McNac of Okmulgee; one son-in-law, Joe McNac of Okmulgee; several nieces; several nephews; and a host of other relatives.

Interment was in Newtown United Methodist Church Cemetery.

SONNY FIELDS

DUSTIN — Funeral services for Sonny Fields were held July 22 at Faith Baptist Church with Revs. Richmond Carr and Chris Harjo officiating.

Fields was born Aug. 2, 1935 to Solomon and Millie Roberts Fields in Weleetka. He died July 18 at Wetumka.

Fields attended Euchee Boarding School, Sapulpa, and Jones Academy, Hartshorne. He worked for the Muscogee Nation dairy and was a member of Hillabee Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; and a sister, Amanda Deere.

Survivors include: two sons, Richard Allen Fields of Holdenville, and James Allen Fields of Oklahoma City; one brother, David Long of Okemah; three sisters, Nancy Hicks of Okemah, Rose Fields and Bessie Nevaquaya, both of Morris; four grandchil-

dren; a host of relatives; and friends.

Nephews served as pallbearers. Interment was in Hillabee Cemetery.

TOM GAYLOR

OKEMAH — Funeral services for Tom Gaylor were held Aug. 31 at Parks Brothers Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. David Shatwell officiating.

Gaylor was born Feb. 13, 1952 to Clarence and Emma Wolf Gaylor at Wewoka. He died Aug. 28 at his home.

He was a laboratory technician and director of radiology at Creek Nation Community Hospital. Gaylor attended the United Pentecostal Church, Okemah.

Survivors include: his parents of Wewoka; two brothers, Kenneth and Larry Gaylor, both of Wewoka; and companion, Monte J. Thomason of Okemah.

Pallbearers were: Sheldon Frank; Mike Khodadian; Carson Thomason; David Thomason; James White; and Nelson Winters. Honorary pallbearers were Franklin Lowe and Sam Remis. Interment was in the Gaylor-Wolf Family Cemetery.

LUCY SCOTT GRAY

HOLDENVILLE — Funeral services for Lucy Scott Gray were held Sept. 3 at Pecan Grove United Methodist Church with Rev. Malcom Tiger officiating.

Gray was born March 2, 1913 to James and Nausoche Beaver Scott in Wetumka. She died Aug. 30 at Creek Nation Community Hospital, Okemah.

She was a member of Pecan Grove United Methodist Church and married William Gray in December 1980.

She was preceded in death by: her parents; and her husband.

Survivors include: seven daughters, Ella Cook and Lucille West, both of Okemah, Pauline Norris, Minnie Ward, and Mesulta Ward, all of Oklahoma City, and Imogene Gray and Nellie Hann, both of Washington state; three sons, Walter Gray of Washington state, Jimmy Gray of Tahlequah, and George Gray of Oklahoma City; three sisters; and two brothers.

NANCY HICKS

OKEMAH — Funeral services for Nancy Hicks were held Sept. 1 at Prairie Springs Baptist Church with Revs. Joe Smith and Wallace Gambler officiating.

Hicks was born April 27, 1925 to Roley and Millie Roberts Long in Dustin. She died Aug. 27 at St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa.

She was reared in the Dustin area. Hicks attended Eufaula Boarding School and graduated from Chilocco Indian School. She married Lloyd Hicks in 1953 in Hanna. She was employed as a laundry attendant and later for the Wrangler Corporation. Hicks was baptized in 1940 and was a member of Prairie Springs Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by: her husband; a

brother, Sonny Fields; and a sister, Bessie Nevaquayah.

Survivors include: three sons, Roy Hicks of Okemah, Lloyd Hicks of Okmulgee, and Noah Tiger of Oklahoma City; one daughter, Verlayne Gambler of Okemah; one brother, Dave Long of Okemah; 16 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; several relatives; and many friends.

Pallbearers were sons and grandsons. Interment was in Hillabee Cemetery.

THOMAS JEFFERSON LONG

WETUMKA — Funeral services for Thomas Jefferson Long were held Sept. 9 at Salt Creek United Methodist Church with Revs. Roy Bigpond and Harry Long officiating.

Long was born Oct. 31, 1925 to Thomas and Martha Berryhill Long Jr. in Holdenville. He died Sept. 5 in a Tulsa hospital.

A Methodist minister, Long retired after 35 years in the ministry. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a member of Honey Creek United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by: his wife, Mattie; a daughter, Karen Long; a grandson, Brian Beatty; and a sister, Christie Hance.

Survivors include: five daughters, Vicky Watashe, Minnie Wolfe, and Sidney Long, all of Okmulgee, Thomasine Long of Mounds, and Lou Ann Messer of Muskogee; two sons, Bob Long of Okmulgee, and Guy Long of Tulsa; three brothers, Harry Long of Seminole, and Nathan Long and Maxie Knight, both of Holdenville; and 12 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Eric Beatty, Farrell Blackbarrel; Paul Blackbarrel Jr.; Micah Wolfe; Toby Watashe; Heston Long; Matthew Messer; and Alex Wolfe.

Interment was in Newtown United Methodist Church Cemetery.

LARRY ALLEN MCINTYRE II

OKEMAH — Graveside services for Larry Allen McIntyre II were held Aug. 26 at Highland Cemetery with Rev. Rex Vann officiating.

McIntyre was born July 22, 1964 to Raymond Vann and Betty Lewis McIntyre in Tulsa. He died as a result of an automobile accident Aug. 24.

McIntyre was an emergency medical technician for Creek Nation Community Hospital, Okemah.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Survivors include: his wife, Cherri Lynne of the home; two sons, Harlen Marshall and Marshall Carpenter of the home; his father of Grand Prairie, Texas; his stepmother, Sioux Vann of Grand Prairie; two sisters, Lisa Martin of Mooreland, and Teresa Martin of Oologah; brothers-in-law; Doug Martin of Oologah, Roger Martin of Mooreland, and Alan Scott of Okemah; father and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H.T. Scott of Okemah; sisters-in-law, Marsha and Michelle Scott, both of Okemah; and two uncles, Frank Lewis of Claremore, and Ed Lewis of Watonga.

Pallbearers were: Doug Powers; Ray Spain; Jimmy Van Horn Jr.; Tom Ned; Chuck Ned; and Rick Bishop.

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reau of Indian Affairs Indian employment, training, and related services demonstration program. The tribe will submit its proposal for program participation to the BIA;

— approved unanimously (32-0) to appropriate \$2,000 to the Northeast District Youth Organization of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church. The money will supplement the youth organization's funds to expand recreational facilities at the district center, Preston, and will be taken from the Council's mileage line item;

— authorized (24-8) the accounting firm, John M. Arledge and Associates to conduct the tribe's annual audit. An audit of tribal funds is required by tribal ordinance and the federal government's office of management and budget.

Voting against the authorization were: Jackson and Roberts, Okfuskee Dist.; Hale, Litsey, Lyda, and Nichols, Okmulgee Dist.; Cleghorn, Tulsa Dist.; and Gillespie, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes Dist.;

— approved (30-1, with one abstention) the purchase of a 15-passenger van for the Okmulgee Senior Citizens group. The \$19,000 will be taken from the Council's mileage line item.

Voting against the bill was Fife, Hughes-Seminole Dist. Abstaining was Chupco, Muskogee Dist.;

— approved unanimously (32-0) a \$20,000 supplemental appropriation to the tribe's burial assistance program. The funds will be taken from the Council's mileage line item, the fire protection line item, and the balance from unexpended school clothing allowance funds; and

— approved unanimously (32-0) a \$5,000 appropriation to the Yeager Volunteer Fire Department for equipment. The department services a large area that includes a significant tribal citizen population as well as a Head Start center. The tribe also contributed to the construction of the Yeager fire department center.

Creek Nation hospital adds one to medical staff

OKEMAH — Richard Clay Hudson, D.O. has joined the medical staff of Creek Nation Community Hospital.

A 1969 graduate of Southwestern State College, Weatherford, Hudson completed his medical education at the College of Osteopathic Medicine, Fort Worth, Texas in 1976.

Hudson, a McAlester native, has served as chief of pharmacy, laboratory, and x-ray in Warm Springs, and also served as chief of surgical services and chief of obstetrics and gynecology from 1988 to 1990 at Tinker Air Force Base.

He was chief of surgery at Jack

County Hospital, Bridgeport, Texas, and was employed as chief of surgery at Lawton Indian Hospital.

Hudson will assist in implementing a surgery program at CNCH to provide services on site.

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tal or clinic in the event of life-or-limb threatening emergency, patients are advised to go to the nearest emergency treatment center.

For payment consideration, you must notify the CHS office within 72 hours of beginning such treatment or hospital admission. Section 406 of Public Law 102-573 extends the 72-hour emergency notification requirement to 30 days for elderly and disabled Indians. It is however, best to notify CHS as soon as possible.

Medical records — emergency report, discharge summary, history, physical, etc., — must be sent to the CHS office so proper medical determination can be made.

True emergencies are considered a top priority for CHS, however all outside emergency room visits are not true emergencies. Authorization for payment will be determined on the basis of medical priorities, eligibility, and availability of funds.

If an emergency occurs on the weekend or on a holiday, please call the CHS department on the next working day. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Eufaula Indian Community to host fund raiser

EUFAULA — Eufaula Indian Community is holding an Indian arts, crafts, and food sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Nov. 5 at its community center, 800 Forest Ave.

Invited exhibitors include (Muscogee citizens unless indicated):

Anthony Mitchell, acrylic painting; Mary Kaulay, ribbon shirts and appliques; Knokovtee Scott, mussel-shell jewelry with ancient southeast designs; Deidra Davis, tribal clothing; Jon Tiger, miniature water color and pencil sketches; and Richard Two Hatchet, Kiowa, beadwork, silver, and leather.

Local senior citizens will provide food and additional crafts. Also featured is Will Hill, leader of Mahenwadosé Productions, in a 1 p.m. performance.

Admission is free. Proceeds benefit the community's powwow committee.



photo by Jim Wolfe

From left, Principal Chief Bill Fife greets World War II veterans Eugene Beleele of Tulsa, Warren Burton of Spokane, Wash., and former National Council representative Mose Cahwee of Sapulpa. The pair, guided by Cahwee, visited the tribal capitol complex while in Oklahoma to attend a reunion of the famed Third Army V-Corps held recently in Tulsa. The Third Army fought six major battles in the European Theater including the Battle of the Bulge. Cahwee was also active during the Korean Conflict. Fife is a Vietnam War Veteran of the U.S. Army Signal Corps.



photo by Jim Wolfe

Officials from Tulsa Court Appointed Special Advocates show Principal Chief Bill Fife, at right, a heart-shaped dream catcher, that uses the CASA logo with an Indian effect. CASA received a two-year grant to expand its program for Indian children in Tulsa County. Seated left of Fife is Barbara Sears, CASA executive director. Standing are CASA casework coordinators Floyd Jones (a tribal citizen) and Marycarol Page. The art was produced by Muscogee citizen Donna Pickup.

National Council budget voting record

Approval for NCA 94-67, a continuing ordinance for the fiscal year 1995 comprehensive budget was given at the Sept. 24 regular session.

Voting for the bill were: D. Harjo, P. Warrington, and E. Wheeler, Creek Dist.; D. Coachman, T. Fife, and D. Lowe, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; W. Gouge, S. McIntosh, T. McIntosh, and Y. Townsend, McIntosh Dist.; H. Chupco, C. Coker, and F. Pease, Muskogee Dist.; M. Jackson, C. Johnson, and B. Smith, Okfuskee Dist.; A.D. Ellis, A. Hale, J. Harjo, D. Lewis,

C. Litsey, P. Lyda, and D. Nichols, Okmulgee Dist.; P. Beaver, L. Bible, I. Cleghorn, J. Kelley, E. King and E. Moore, Tulsa Dist.; and B. Gillespie, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes Dist.

Voting against the bill were: W. Roberts, Okfuskee Dist.; and R. Berryhill, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes Dist.

Speaker Steve Bruner conducted the meeting and did not vote. Absent were: L. Jack, Creek Dist.; T. Yahola, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; and T. Newton, McIntosh Dist.



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Tribe receives grant for community centers, home rehabilitation work

OKMULGEE — Muscogee Nation Principal Chief Bill Fife announced the tribe will receive two grants, including one to build community centers, from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The housing rehabilitation grant is worth \$247,000 and the total funding for the community centers project is \$1.2 million. Of that amount, the tribe contributed \$540,000.

"These two grants will help in meeting the critical needs for Muscogee (Creek) citizens and communities," Fife said. "Housing rehabilitation is a high priority. The Indian home grant will help improve housing conditions, however, it is only a start. We will continue to seek more funding for housing rehabilitation as well as funds for new homes."

The centers will be built in Sapulpa, Tulsa, Twin Hills, and Weleetka. Fife

said the community centers will bring services closer to tribal citizens and will help promote community development.

"It is our plan that Creek communities design programs that will help themselves and seek solutions to their local problems," Fife said.

The projects are expected to take two years to complete and will not begin until environmental impact assessments have been made.

"With the support of the National Council, the leveraged dollars which they appropriated has enabled us to increase our tribal holdings substantially," Fife said. "This administration has been very competitive in raising external funding to serve Creek families."

Fife also recognized the natural resources, the planning, and community services departments for their contributions.

A holiday message from Principal Chief Bill Fife

Each year a national day of recognition is set aside in honor of those men and women who served the United States in past conflicts.

Veterans Day 1994 gives each of us an opportunity to thank those who served in the armed forces. During this time — as we are mindful of the sacrifices made by those men and women who served — we should be especially proud of our Native American veterans. No other group serves in the military on a higher per capita basis than Native Americans; as has been shown throughout history, no other group serves with more honor and dedication than Muscogee warriors.

As we celebrate this special day, we should also strive to continually recognize and honor those men and women who have fought to protect this nation.

Additionally, during the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, I encourage everyone to strengthen their personal relationships during family gatherings.

It is through such a family building process that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall continue to grow strong and succeed in its endeavors.

— Bill S. Fife, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief



photos by Jim Wolfe

Rev. Harry Long dedicates Thlopthlocco United Methodist Church's Veterans Wall. Church pastor Ray McGilbray listens. The wall was conceived by member Gene Dunson, inset, with help from Lee Downey, and other church members.

Human rights hearings completed, consistent patterns of racism charged

WASHINGTON — There is widespread evidence of gross and consistent patterns of racism throughout the fabric of U.S. society, a nine-member international team of religious leaders and human rights experts has concluded following human rights hearings in seven cities.

"Many of the acts of racism testified to in our hearings constitute apparent violations of fundamental human rights as set out in international law," concluded the team after hearing several hundred testimonies nationwide.

The team was coordinated by the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches. It heard testimony from American Indians,

African, Asian, and Latino Americans, as well as others. Testimony included patterns of racism in the areas of: housing; employment; sovereignty and self-determination for Puerto Rican, American Indian, and Hawaiian peoples, and immigration and refugee policy.

The hearings, held Oct. 8 through 15, were based on the premise that while many civil rights gains have been made in the U.S., there is still unfinished business.

In a statement released Oct. 19, the team urges the U.S. government to conduct "full and thorough investigations of all these patterns of racism," and asks that "the United Nations through its please see RACISM..., page 12

Second Chief Crow pays tribute to nurses, veterans

by Shelly Crow, Second Chief

This time of year is a time for reflection.

♦ November 11 is Veterans' Day — a time to reflect on those warriors who have paid our price so that we can enjoy freedom. Let us not forget the great cost of our freedom.

I am also proud of those men and women in the military who are serving the country today. I especially want to recognize my son-in-law, Lance Corporal Michael Akin, a member of the U.S. Marine Corps.

♦ My love and respect for nursing is exceeded by love for my family and my people.

Nurses, too, serve in an important, but often unrecognized role in the healing arts. I would like to present the following that expresses my thoughts about nursing. It was written by Melodie Chenevart.

Being a nurse means...

- You will never be bored.
- You will always be frustrated.
- You will be surrounded by challenges.
- So much to do and so little time.
- You will carry immense responsibility and very little authority.
- You will step into people's lives and you will make a difference.
- Some will bless you.
- Some will curse you.
- You will see people at their worst and at their best.
- You will never cease to be amazed at people's capacity for love, courage and endurance.
- You will see life begin and end.
- You will experience resounding triumphs and devastating failures.
- You will cry a lot.
- You will laugh a lot.
- You will know what it is to be human and to be humane.
- ♦ Finally, on behalf of my family, I want to wish to everyone a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Citizen begins health service

Muscogee citizen Tommy Joe Yahola of Cromwell is the owner and operator of Sincere Care, Inc., a home health service based on Okemah. Home care service is available to recovering disabled or chronically ill persons who need treatment or assistance with daily living activities.

Yahola said he has Muscogee-Seminole language speaking nurses aides on staff. Sincere Care, Inc. is a Medicare certified agency serving the Muscogee and Seminole areas. For more information, call (918) 623-0346, or 1 (800) 330-0346.

Letters to the Editor

Councilman thanks community

Editor:

On behalf of the Okmulgee District representatives to the National Council, I thank the Eufaula Indian Community for having us at their forum and barbecue dinner.

David Nichols, Okmulgee

Citizen seeks genealogy information

Editor:

My great-grandmother, Martha Riley-Naharkey. Her father was Americus Riley, an Irishman. His brother, Mack Riley, married Lulu Moore.

Americus married Sukey, a full-blood Muscogee. I do not know her last name and there are no known brothers, sisters, or other relatives.

I would like to hear from anyone related to the Americus, Mack, or Sukey.

Also, my great-grandfather was Moses Naharkey — Mooser. His mother's name was Wehhiley and his father is known only by his surname, Naharkey.

I would also like to hear from anyone related to these people. Anyone with relevant information can contact me at: 6706 S. Zunis Ave. No. 1813, Tulsa, OK 74136-1120.

Tribal health department to sponsor health forum

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee Nation Department of Public Health is sponsoring an Indian health care forum beginning at 9 a.m., Nov. 16 at the independent agencies building (mound) auditorium at the tribal capitol complex, U.S. Highway 75 and loop 56.

Expected to attend are tribal health officials and representative of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board.

"Right now we are seeing a lot of changes beginning to take place — changes that may have a negative impact on the delivery of health care to Indians," said a department representative.

Muscogee Nation Principal Chief Bill Fife will give the opening address. Others on the agenda are:

- Garth Splinter, M.D./M.B.A., administrator; and

Religion calendar

• LITTLE — Seminole Hitchitee United Methodist Church will hold a revival Nov. 20 through 23 with Rev. Harry Long, evangelist. Services begin at 7 nightly.

• SAPULPA — Little Cussetah Baptist Church is holding a veterans program at 9:30 a.m., Nov. 12. Dinner will be served. For more information contact, Phillip Coon at (918) 227-0896.

• OKMULGEE — Belvin Baptist Church will hold revival Nov. 21 through 25 with Rev. Richard Pickup, evangelist. Services begin at 7 nightly.

• OKEMAH — The Okemah Indian Community will host a benefit gospel singing at 7 p.m. Nov. 18 at the community center. Master of ceremonies is Bob Jackson. Proceeds go toward Christmas food baskets and gifts for youth. A donation of a non-perishable food item. All groups welcome.

Thank you.

Terri Peevy, Tulsa

Citizen clarifies land ownership

Editor:

I would like to state publicly that the property described in the following is owned by me:

A one acre tract of land located in the Northwest quarter of section thirteen, township eight north, range thirteen east, in McIntosh County, State of Oklahoma, said tract more particularly described as beginning at a point 1145 feet North of the Southwest corner of Section 13, thence 250 feet east, thence 175 feet north, thence 250 feet west, thence 175 feet south to the point of beginning.

I am sorry for any of the confusion caused by those claiming to represent my interest in the above described property. I hope this clarifies the matter.

Susie Harjo, Hanna

All tribal offices will be closed:

- Nov. 11 for Veterans' Day; and
- Nov. 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving.
- *The Muscogee Nation News* deadline for the December edition is Nov. 18.
- The National Council November Regular Session is Nov. 19.

- Leigh Brown, deputy administrator.

Both are members of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board.

Admission is free to the forum and all tribal citizens are urged to attend.

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James Wolfe, managing editor

Stephanie B. Berryhill, senior staff writer, photographer

Sapulpa health clinic administrator named

SAPULPA — Brenda Cummings, R.N., B.S.N., has been appointed the manager of the Sapulpa Indian Health Center.

Cummings has more than 20 years experience in nursing and administration. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma and is a 1982 graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.



Cummings

Most recently, Cummings was employed with Indian Health Care Resource Center, Tulsa.

Cummings has been a member of the U.S. Army Reserves for more than 20 years.

She is of Choctaw and Pawnee descent. She resides in Sapulpa with her children, Jonathan and Carrie.



photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Muscogee Nation Principal Chief Bill Fife holds the minority business of the year award presented to the tribe by the Oklahoma Indian Business Development Center. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Manufacturing Enterprises is subcontracting work from Zebco, a Tulsa-based manufacturer of fishing rods and reels. Pictured with Fife are, Bob McIntosh, Zebco West Tulsa facility plant manager, and William Thomas, Zebco quality control.

Council approves budget expenditures for social programs

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) National Council approved an appropriation bill for 75 percent of the 1995 allocations for community health representatives' eyeglass and orthodontics program at its October regular session.

The 36-member tribal legislature approved the bill unanimously with a 31-0 vote.

Voting for the bill were: Duke Harjo, Phyllis Warrington, and Earl Wheeler, Creek Dist.; Darrell Coachman, Tim Fife, Dwayne Lowe, and Thomas Yahola, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; Wilbur Gouge, Sandy McIntosh, Thomas McIntosh, and Yahola Townsend, McIntosh Dist.; Helen Chupco, Charlie Coker, and Frances Pease, Muskogee Dist.; Mae Jackson, Clyde Johnson, Wynema Roberts, and Bruce Smith, Okfuskee Dist.; A.D. Ellis, Anderson Hale, Jim Harjo, Dave Lewis, Charlie Litsey, Peggy Lyda, and David Nichols, Okmulgee Dist.; Perry Beaver, Irene Cleghorn, Jesse Kelley, and Earl King, Tulsa Dist.; and Richard Berryhill and Barbara Gillespie, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes Dist.

Speaker Steve Bruner conducted the meeting and did not vote.

Absent were: Leah Jack, Creek Dist.; Tommy Newton, McIntosh Dist.; Larry Bible and Edwin Moore, Tulsa Dist.

In other business, the Council:

- approved unanimously (31-0) the appointment of Kennan Phillips of Eufaula, to his second term on the tribal election board;

- approved unanimously (31-0) a resolution expressing the support for sovereign status and federal recognition for the Delaware tribe. Currently, the Delawares are recognized as a part of the Cherokee

Nation;

- approved unanimously (31-0) a resolution expressing support for Haskell Indian Nations University and opposing the expansion of 31st Street as part of the proposed south Lawrence trafficway that would affect the campus;

- approved (30-1) the confirmation of Tilda Harjochee of Wetumka, the tribal health board. Voting against the confirmation was Fife, Hughes-Seminole Dist.;

- approved unanimously (31-0) the confirmation of Wendell Bigpond of Tulsa, to the tribal health board;

- approved (28-3) the confirmation of Twanna Sue Deere of Eufaula, to the tribal health board. Voting against confirmation were: Fife, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; Coker, Muskogee Dist.; and King, Tulsa Dist.;

- approved (23-7) the confirmation of Claude Cox of Bristow, to the tribal health board. Cox is the former principal chief of the Muscogee Nation. Voting against the confirmation were: Harjo, Creek Dist.; Coachman, Fife, and Lowe, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; Coker, Muskogee Dist.; Smith, Okfuskee Dist.; and Hale, Okmulgee Dist. Yahola, Hughes-Seminole Dist., did not vote;

- approved (23-6-1) the repeal of the industrial development commission. Voting against repeal were: Coachman and Fife, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; S. McIntosh and T. McIntosh, McIntosh Dist.; Smith, Okfuskee Dist.; and Beaver, Tulsa Dist. Abstaining was King, Tulsa Dist. Yahola did not vote;

- approved (30-0-1) the confirmation of Johnny Freeman of Lamar, to the farm authority board. Abstaining was Cleghorn, Tulsa Dist.;

- approved (26-5) an amendment to elderly nutri-

tion program continuing resolution that authorized the program to use 25 percent of its fiscal year 1995 budget. The amendment restricts the 1995 figures to reflect the fiscal year 1994 comprehensive budget including staffing. Voting against the amendment were: Coachman, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; S. McIntosh and T. McIntosh, McIntosh Dist.; and Ellis and Lewis Okmulgee Dist.;

- returned to committee an appropriations bill for the emergency medical assistance and emergency hardship programs. The bill will be returned to the business and governmental operations committee to identify a funding source. Voting to return the bill were: Harjo, Warrington, and Wheeler, Creek Dist.; Fife, Lowe, and Yahola, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; S. McIntosh, T. McIntosh, and Townsend, McIntosh Dist.; Smith, Okfuskee Dist.; Ellis, Hale, Harjo, Lewis, and Litsey, Okmulgee Dist.; Cleghorn, Kelley, and King, Tulsa Dist.; and Berryhill, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes Dist.;

- postponed unanimously (31-0) consideration of the adoption of the Council's policies and procedures until the November meeting; and

- voted (16-15) not to place on the agenda a resolution confirming Martin Coates as lighthouse administration chief. Voting not to place on the agenda were: Coachman, Fife, Lowe, and Yahola, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; S. McIntosh and T. McIntosh, McIntosh Dist.; Chupco, Coker, and Pease, Muskogee Dist.; Jackson, Johnson, and Smith, Okfuskee Dist.; Hale and Lewis, Okmulgee Dist.; Kelley, Tulsa Dist.; and Berryhill, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes Dist.

The Council's November regular session will be Nov. 19 at Okmulgee.

Tribal program receives domestic violence grant

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Division of Children and Family Services and the Okmulgee County Family Resource Center announce that they are entering into a mutual agreement to provide services to American Indian victims of domestic violence. The family violence assistance project will begin operations.

The family violence assistance project will expand the capabilities of the Okmulgee County Family Resource Center to provide services to American Indian victims of domestic violence within the Muscogee Nation service area. These services will include the following:

- the provision of direct assistance to victims of family violence and their dependents for the purpose of preventing further domestic violence, helping such victims to gain access to civil and criminal courts, and other community services, and to facilitate efforts of such victims in healing from the effects of family violence;
- prevention services such as: outreach, employment training, parenting, and educational services for victims and their children; and preventive health services within domestic violence programs including nutrition, disease prevention, exercise, prevention of substance abuse, family violence public awareness campaign, and violence prevention counseling services to abusers;
- counseling with respect to family violence, counseling by peers individually or in groups, and referral to community services;
- transportation, technical assistance with respect to obtaining financial assistance under state and federal programs, referrals for appropriate health care services, but not reimbursement for these services;
- legal advocacy to provide victims with information and assistance through the civil and criminal courts; and
- legal assistance and children's counseling and support services for victims of family violence and their dependents.

"We believe that this collaboration will provide a vehicle to fulfill our mission in the most efficient and effective way possible," said Scott Johnson, program manager. "The time has come for the tribe and other community, state, and federal agencies to work in unison.

"We are all working to accomplish the same objective and the only way to accomplish this is to work in cooperative efforts to assist the children and families of all cultures.

"We all have a vision that one day we shall all live in a peaceful co-existence. A vision is only a dream not yet realized, and bound only by the depth of our imagination and our desire to achieve it," Johnson said.



photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Head Start teachers Sonya Tarpalechee, left, and Mahalia Harjo, far right, pose with the posters Muscogee Nation before and after school care program students submitted to the third National Child Care Conference in Washington D.C. Program participants, left to right, Naomi Phillips, Matthew Butler, Amanda Butler, Speedy Harley, and Ryan Fulton contributed their artistic talents to the completion of the posters. Not pictured are: Yardeka Hogshooter and Gina Fleener.

Program briefs

Tribes to host veterans program

OKMULGEE — All Indian veterans of foreign wars will be recognized with a program beginning at 10 a.m., Nov. 11 at the independent agencies building (mound) auditorium at the tribal capitol complex. A list of all Muscogee (Creek) veterans, including branch of service, war or years served, and any honors is needed before the program date.

All veterans and their families are encouraged to attend. A reception will follow. For more information, contact Valeria Littlecreek or Linda Downs at (918) 756-8700, exts. 234 and 228.

Muscogee mineral royalty owners to meet

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee Nation is hosting the joint Indian royalty owners Bureau of Indian Affairs Department of Minerals Management conference beginning at 9 a.m., Dec. 14 at the independent agencies building (mound) auditorium.

The Muscogee Nation Tribal Capitol Complex is located at U.S. Highway 75 and loop 56.

The conference begins with an open session for owners having problems with royalty payments and/or leasing questions. Oil and gas industries servicing Indian leases have been invited to send a representative.

A 1 p.m. general session is being billed as "an informative discussion of oil and gas leasing in the Five Civilized Tribes" and Indian owners receiving their royalty checks directly from the company. A representative from the office of Indian royalty assistance, Oklahoma City, will discuss the royalty process through the minerals management service as well as the problems with direct payment and the lack of accountability for those royalty checks.

For more information, contact Charles Robertson at 1 (800) 238-1943 or (918) 687-2323.

Adult education program successful

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee Nation Adult Education Program had 28 students earn their general equivalency diplomas (GED) the department reported. Classes are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, at Lackey Hall on the Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee campus. Program participants must be 17 years old.

Also, the program provides cultural activities at community sites. Muscogee language, GED preparation, beading, and basket weaving classes were held in eight communities. For more information, contact Cheryl Bear at (918) 758-0849.

Program wins violence prevention grant

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee Nation Division of Children and Family Services has received a \$39,730 family violence prevention grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The grant will be applied to several areas including direct assistance to the victims of family violence, prevention services such as educational programs and public awareness campaigns, counseling services, and legal advocacy for victims and perpetrators of family violence.

Incidents of family violence are increasing each year said Scott Johnson, program manager.

"The goals of the family violence program will be to provide information to individuals and communities on the causes and effects of family violence," Johnson said. "Another goal is to assist victims of family violence to re-establish their lives.

"The philosophy of the division is that we believe every individual has an inherent right to a safe and nurturing environment in which to maximize their potential for personal growth. Further, we believe that it is our responsibility to provide services that will facilitate the creation of a healthy environment. The acquisition of this program will assist in fulfilling this endeavor."

NOTICE AND CONSENT TO SPECIAL MEETING

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Notice is hereby given that the Muscogee National Council adopted an ordinance, Public Law No. NCA 92-29, finding and declaring that there exists a need for a Housing Authority to function within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, such bill being approved by the Principal Chief, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and that said findings and declaration of need are final and a special organizational meeting shall be had unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice, there is submitted to the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation a petition signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the legal registered voters of the Muscogee Nation protesting said findings, declaration of need and special organizational meeting.

NCA 92-29

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOUSING AUTHORITY, AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY UNDER TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JURISDICTION, FOR PURPOSES OF LOW INCOME HOUSING AND OTHER PURPOSES

Section 100. Be it Enacted by the Muscogee Nation in Council Assembled:

A. Pursuant to the authority vested in the Muscogee (Creek) Tribe by its Constitution, and particularly by Article VI Section 7 A and I, thereof, and its authority to provide for the health, and safety, and welfare of the Tribe, the National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation hereby establishes a public body known as the Creek Nation Indian Housing Authority (hereinafter referred to as the Authority), as an authority with attendant powers, and enacts this Ordinance which shall establish the purposes, powers and duties of the Authority.

B. In any suit, action or proceeding involving the validity or enforcement of or relating to any of its contracts, the Authority shall be conclusively deemed to have become established and authorized to transact business and exercise its powers upon proof of the adoption of this ordinance. A copy of the ordinance duly certified by the Secretary of the National Council shall be admissible in evidence any suit, action or proceeding.

ARTICLE I DECLARATION OF NEED

It is hereby declared:

Section 101. That there exists in this Muscogee (Creek) Nation insanitary, unsafe and overcrowded dwelling accommodations; that there is a shortage of decent, safe and sanitary

dwelling accommodations available at rents or prices which persons of low income can afford; and that such shortage forces such persons to occupy insanitary, unsafe and overcrowded dwelling accommodations. Section 102. That these conditions cause an increase in and spread of disease and crime and constitute a menace to health safety, morals and welfare; and that these conditions necessitate excessive and disproportionate expenditures of public funds for crime prevention and punishment, public health and safety protection, fire and accident prevention, and other public services and facilities. Section 103. That the shortage of decent, safe and sanitary dwellings for persons of low income cannot be relieved through the operation of private enterprises.

Section 104. That the providing of decent, safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations for persons of low income are public uses and purposes, for which money may be spent and private property acquired and are governmental functions of Tribal concern.

Section 105. That residential construction activity and a supply of acceptable housing are important factors to general economic activity, and that this ordinance to aid the production of better housing and more desirable neighborhood and community development at lower costs will make possible a more stable and larger volume of residential construction and housing supply which will assist materially in achieving full employment; and Section 106. That the necessity in the public interest for the provisions hereinafter enacted is hereby declared as a matter of legislative determination.

ARTICLE II PURPOSES

Section 201. The Authority shall be organized and operated for the purposes of:

- A. Remedying unsafe and insanitary housing conditions that are injurious to the public health, safety and morals;
- B. Alleviating the acute shortage of decent, safe and sanitary dwelling for persons of low income; and
- C. Providing employment opportunities through the construction, reconstruction, improvement, extension, alteration or repair and operation of low income dwellings.

ARTICLE III DEFINITIONS

Section 301. The following terms, wherever used or referred to in this ordinance, shall have the following respective meanings, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context;

A. "Area of Operation" means all areas within the jurisdiction of the tribe, particularly the Treaty Bound-

aries of 1833 as modified in 1866.

B. "Council" means the Muscogee (Creek) Nation governing body, the National Council.

C. "Federal government" includes the United States of America, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, or any other agency or instrumentality, corporate or otherwise, of the United States of America.

D. "Homebuyer" means a person(s) who has executed a lease-purchase agreement with the Authority, and who has not yet achieved home ownership.

E. "Housing project or project" means any work or undertaking to provide or assist in providing by any suitable method, including but not limited to: Rental, sale of individual units in single or multifamily structures under conventional condominium, or cooperative sales contracts or lease-purchase agreements; loans or subsidizing of rentals or charges) decent, safe and sanitary dwellings, apartments, or other living accommodations for persons of low income. Such work or undertaking may include buildings, land, leaseholds, equipment, facilities, and other real or personal property for necessary, convenient, or desirable appurtenances, for streets, sewers, water service, utilities, parks, site preparation or landscaping, and for administrative, community, health, recreational, welfare, or other purposes. The term "housing project" or "project" also may be applied to the planning of the buildings and improvements, the acquisition of property or any interest therein, the demolition of existing structures, the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, alteration or repair of the improvements or other property and all other work in connection therewith, and the term shall include all other real and personal property and all tangible or intangible assets held or used in connection with the housing project.

F. "Obligations" means any notes, bonds interim certificates, debentures, or other forms of obligation issued by the Authority pursuant to this ordinance.

G. "Obligee" includes any holder of an obligation, agent or trustee for any holder of an obligation, or lessor demising to the Authority property used in connection with a project or any assignee or assignees of such lessor's interest or any part thereof, and the Federal government when it is a party to any contract with the Authority in respect to a housing project.

H. "Persons of low income" means persons of families who cannot afford to pay enough to cause private enterprise in their locality to build an adequate supply of decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings for their use.

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Section 401. The affairs of the Authority shall be managed by a Board of Commissioners composed of five persons.

Section 402. The Board members shall be appointed and a certificate of the Speaker of the Council as to the appointment or reappointment of any commissioner shall be conclusive evidence of the due and proper appointment of the commissioner.

Section 403. A commissioner shall be a member of the Muscogee Nation, and shall not be a member of the National Council.

Section 404.A. No person shall be barred from serving on the Board because he is a tenant or Homebuyer in a housing project of the Authority; and such commissioner shall be entitled to fully participate in all meetings concerning matters that affect all of the tenants or Homebuyers, even though such matters affect him as well. However, no such commissioner shall be entitled or permitted to participate in or be present at any meeting (except in his capacity as a tenant or Homebuyer), or to be counted or treated as a member of the Board, concerning any matter involving his individual rights, obligations or status as a tenant or Homebuyer.

B. The term of office shall be four years and staggered. When the Board is first established, one member's term shall be designated to expire in one year, another to expire in two years, a third to expire in three years, and the last two in four years, except that in the case of a prior vacancy, an appointment shall be only for the length of the unexpired term. Each member of the Board shall hold office until his successor has been appointed and has qualified.

C. The Principal Chief shall nominate subject to confirmation by the National Council, all commissioners of the Authority. Additionally the Principal Chief shall name one of the Commissioners as Chairman of the Board. The Board shall elect from among its members a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasury; and any member may hold two of these positions. In the absence of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman shall preside; and in the absence of both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Secretary shall preside.

D. A member of the Board may be removed by the appointing power for serious inefficiency or neglect of duty or for misconduct in office, but only after a hearing before the appointing power after the member has been given a written notice of the specific charges against him at least 10 days prior to the hearing. At any such

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hearing, the members shall have the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel and to present witnesses in his behalf. In the event or removal of any Board member, a record of the proceedings, together with the charges and findings thereon, shall be filed with the appointing power and a copy thereof sent to the appropriate office of the department of Housing and Urban Development.

E. The Commissioners shall receive compensation in the amount of \$35.00 for each meeting attended for their services and shall be entitled to compensation for expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in the discharge of their duties.

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C. To agree, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this ordinance or in any provision of law, to any conditions attached to Federal financial assistance relating to the determination of prevailing salaries or wages or payment of not less than prevailing salaries or wages or compliance with labor standards, in the development or operation of projects; and the Authority may include in any contract let in connection with a project stipulations requiring that the contractor and any subcontractors comply with requirements as to maximum hours of labor, and comply with any conditions which the Federal government may have attached to its financial aid to the project.

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the terms of the contract, the Federal government shall reconvey to the Authority the project as then constituted.

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H. To purchase land or interest in land or take the same by gift; to lease land or interests in land to the extent provided by law.

I. To undertake and carry out studies and analyses of housing needs, to prepare housing needs, to execute the same, to operate projects and to provide for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, extension, alteration or repair of any project or any part thereof.

J. With respect to any dwellings, accommodations, lands, buildings or facilities embraced within any project (including individual cooperative or condominium units); To lease or rent, sell, enter into lease-purchase agreements or lease with option to purchase; to establish and revise rents or required monthly payments; to make rules and regulations concerning the selection of tenants or Homebuyers, including the establishment of priorities, and concerning the occupancy, rental, care and management of housing units, and to make sure further rules and regulations as the Board may deem necessary and desirable to effectuate the powers granted by this ordinance.

K. To finance purchase of a home by an eligible homebuyer in accordance with regulations and requirements of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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P. To establish and maintain such bank accounts as may be necessary or convenient.

Q. To employ an executive director, technical and maintenance personal and such other officers and employees, permanent or temporary, as the Authority may require; and to delegate to such officers and employees such powers or duties as the Board shall deem proper.

R. To take such further actions as are commonly engaged in by public bodies of this character as the Board may deem necessary and desirable to effectuate the purposes of the Authority.

S. To join or cooperate with any other public housing agency or agencies operating under the laws or ordinances of a State or another tribe in the exercise; either jointly or otherwise, of any or all of the powers of the Authority and such other public housing agency or agencies for the purposes of financing (including but not limited to the issuance of notes or other obligations and giving security therefor), planning, undertaking, owning, constructing, operating or contracting with respect to a housing project or projects of the Authority or such other public housing agency or agencies, so joining or cooperating with the Authority, to act on the Authority's behalf with respect to any or all powers, as the Authority's agent or otherwise, in the name of the Authority or

in the name of such agency or agencies.

T. To adopt such bylaws as the Board deems necessary and appropriate.

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executing the obligations shall be liable personally on the obligations by reason of issuance thereof.

Section 603. The notes and other obligations of the Authority shall not be a debt of the Tribe and the obligations shall so state on their face.

Section 604. Obligations of the Authority are declared to be issued for an essential public and governmental purpose and to be public instrumentalities and, together with interest thereon and income therefrom, shall be exempt from taxes imposed by the Tribe. The tax exemption provisions of this ordinance shall be considered part of the security for the repayment of obligations and shall constitute, by virtue of this ordinance and without necessity of being restated in the obligations, a contract between (a) the Authority and the Tribe, and (b) the holders of the obligations and each of them, including all transferees of the obligations from time to time.

Section 605. Obligations shall be issued and sold in the following manner:

A. Obligations of the Authority shall be authorized by a resolution adopted by the vote of majority of the full Board and may be issued in one or more series.

B. The obligations shall bear such dates, mature at such times, bear interest at such rates, be in such denominations, be in form, either coupon or registered, carry such conversion or registration privileges, have such rank or priority, be executed in such manner, be payable in such medium of payment and at such places, and be subject to such terms of redemption, with or without premium, as such resolution may provide.

C. The obligations may be sold at public or private sale at not less than par.

D. In case any of the commissioners of the Authority whose signatures appear on any obligations cease to be commissioners before the delivery of such obligations, the signatures shall, nevertheless, be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as the commissioners had remained in office until delivery.

Section 606. Obligations of the Authority shall be fully negotiable. In any suit, action or proceeding involving the validity or enforceability of any obligation of the Authority or the security therefor, any such obligation reciting in substance that it has been issued by the Authority to aid in financing a project pursuant to this ordinance shall be conclusively deemed to have been issued for such purpose and the project for which such obligation was issued shall be conclusively deemed to have been planned, located and carried out in accordance with the purposes and provisions of this ordinance.

Section 607. In connection with the issuance of obligations or incurring of obligations under leases and to secure the payment of such obligations, the Authority, subject to the limitations in this ordinance, may:

A. Pledge all or any part of its gross or net rents, fees or revenues to which its right then exists or may thereafter come into existence.

B. Provide for the powers and duties of obligees and limit their liabilities; and provide the terms and conditions on which such obligees may enforce any covenant or rights securing or relating to the obligations.

C. Covenant against pledging all or any part of its rents, fees and revenues or personal property to which its title or right then exists or may thereafter come into existence or permitting or suffering any lien on such revenues or property.

D. Covenant with respect to limitations on its right to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any project or any part thereof.

E. Covenant as to the obligations to be issued and as to the issuance of such obligations in escrow or otherwise, and as to the use and disposition of the proceeds thereof.

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ing the time for the payment of its obligations or interest thereon.

I. Redeem the obligations and covenant for their redemption and provide the terms and conditions thereof.

J. Covenant concerning the rents and fees to be charged in the operation of a project or projects, the amount to be raised each year or other period of time by rents, fees and other revenues, and as to the use and disposition to be made thereof.

K. Create or authorize the creation of special funds for monies held for construction or operating costs, debt service, reserves or other purposes, and covenants as to the use and disposition of the monies held in such funds.

L. Prescribe the procedure, if any, by which the terms of any contract with holders of obligations may be amended or abrogated, the proportion of outstanding obligations the holders or which must consent thereto, and the manner in which such consent may be given.

M. Covenant as to the use, maintenance and replacement of its real or personal property, the insurance to be carried thereon and the use and disposition of insurance monies.

N. Covenant as to the rights, liabilities, powers and duties arising upon the breach by it of any covenant, condition or obligation.

O. Covenant and prescribe as to events of default and terms and conditions upon which any or all of its obligations become or may be declared due before maturity, and as to the terms and conditions upon which such declaration and its consequences may be waived.

P. Vest in any obligees or any proportion of them the right to enforce the payment of the obligations or any covenants, securing or relating to the obligations.

Q. Exercise all or any part or combination of the powers granted in this section.

R. Make covenants other than and in addition to the covenants expressly authorized in this section, of like or

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S. Make any covenants and do any acts and things necessary or convenient or desirable in order to secure its obligations, or, in the absolute discretion of the Authority tending to make the obligations more marketable although the covenants, acts or things are not enumerated in this section.

ARTICLE VII MISCELLANEOUS

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Education briefs

Eufaula students powwow

EUFULA — The Cooper McClain Elementary School hosted a powwow and stomp dance for its fifth and sixth grade students during Native American Appreciation Week in September.

Scott Robison, director of academics at the Muscogee Nation Eufaula Dormitory, coordinated the event with assistance from Jean Mitchell.



The days' events included story tellers, musicians, and dancers to provide the children with information about various Indian cultures.

Muscogee National Council representative Wilbur Gouge told stories about tribal traditions and customs.

Several Cooper McClain students danced and participated in the powwow along with other students and tribal representatives.

Dancers included Mr. and Mrs. Richard Two-Hatchet of Eufaula; Ruth Blalock Jones, an art teacher from Muskogee; and Ruth Jones and Mitchell, both of Hanna. Leading the stomp dance were Toni Mitchell of Hanna, and Sam Proctor of Dustin.

Talking Leaves Drum Corps from the Tahlequah job corps center, provided drums and singers.

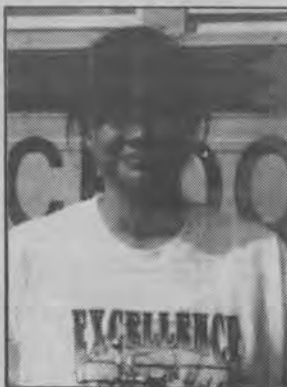
Greg Anderson is the Eufaula dormitory director.

Mason students elect representatives

MASON — The Mason Schools Lvm-he Council has elected Jess Harjochee president and Title V-C program student representative for the 1994-95 school year. Other officers are: John Sands, vice president; Kevin McNac, secretary-treasurer; Ramona Broom, reporter; and Elton Smith, seargent at arms. The princess and prince are Alisa Dougals and Patrick Bear.

Culley wins at camp

MASON — The Mason Schools Native American Youth students and sponsors participated in the United Nations Inter-Tribal Youth basketball clinic at Northwest Classen High School in Oklahoma City. Students met Atlanta Hawks professional basketball team coach Lenny Wilkens and players. Muscogee citizen Lela Culley, a freshman, took first place in the free throw competition for her age group.



Culley

She is the daughter of Farron and Irene Culley of Mason.

Muscogee collegians

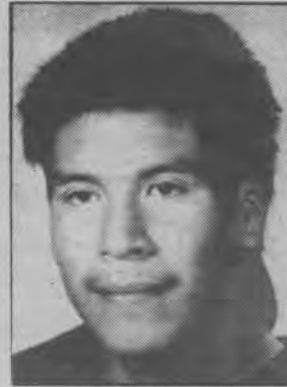
Luke Columbus

POTEAU — Muscogee citizen Luke Columbus has made the varsity baseball squad at Carl Albert Junior College as a pitcher.

A graduate of Keifer High School, Columbus was a four-year letterman in baseball and football. He was Frisco Conference pitcher of the year as well as most valuable player for the Trojans. Columbus was also captain of his high school baseball team.

In football, Columbus was named to the Tulsa World All Metro team and was offensive back of the year for district A-5 as well as a football team captain.

At Keifer, he was an honor student and a member of student council. He is the son of Mike and Luanne Columbus of Keifer.



Columbus

Richard Litsey

HOUSTON — Muscogee citizen Richard O. Litsey has graduated from the University of Houston Law Center with a master's of law degree in International Economic Law. He is also a graduate of Oklahoma State University and the Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

Listsey is a former member of Baker and Hostetler. He is currently on staff with the Social Security Administration Office of Hearings and Appeals. He is also the nephew of National Council Okmulgee District representative Charlie Litsey.



Litsey

Bobby Martin

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Muscogee citizen Bobby Martin has been named a recipient of the College Art Association's Professional Development Fellowship Program for 1994. He is working toward his master's of fine arts degree from the University of Arkansas. The aim of the program is to assist emerging artists and art historians in bridging the transition between graduate school and the professional world and to encourage artists and scholars from culturally diverse communities to pursue careers in the visual arts. He resides in Tahlequah, with his wife and two children.

Jessica Smith

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Muscogee citizen Jessica Smith has enrolled at Stanford University after participating in the university's American Indian Summer Immersion Program.

After an outstanding secondary career, Smith was

one of 17 American Indian undergraduates admitted to Stanford. She entered with 16 hours of college credit based on her academic achievement at University City High School where she was recognized for her achievement in English, mathematics, and a four-year member of the California Scholastic Federation.

Smith is the daughter of Clark and Kathryn Smith of San Diego, Calif. She is the granddaughter of Paul and the late Florence Dunson McElroy and the niece of Agnes Canard and Virginia Webb, both of Okemah, Kathryn Scott of California, Earl Dunson of Glenpool, Gene Dunson of Wetumka, and the late Jonas and Frank Dunson.

Smith can be contacted at P.O. Box 5141, Stanford, CA 94309.

Mistie Wind

St. Paul, Minn. — Muscogee citizen Mistie Dawn Wind has been appointed to the board of the National Indian Education Association and was a featured speaker at the association's annual convention in October.

Wind will also speak to the Oklahoma Johnson O-Malley Conference in Tulsa in March.

A freshman at the University of Oklahoma, Wind is the recipient of the Alice Tonemah Memorial Scholarship, the OU University of Achievement Class, the Wewoka Alumni, Future Teachers of America, and outstanding Seminole senior.

She graduated from Wewoka High School in May after an outstanding secondary career. At Wewoka, Wind was senior class president, a member of the National Honor Society, and other organizations as well as a state delegate to the White House Conference on Indian Education and the President's Committee on education.

She is the daughter of Jesse and Martha Wind of Wewoka, and the granddaughter of Jesse and Zelma Wind of Cromwell, and Cora and the late Joe Billie of Bowlegs.



Wind

OSU Fall heritage week

STILLWATER — The Native American Student Association of Oklahoma State University will host its Fall Heritage Week Nov. 14 through 19. Activities include the teepee raising, powwows, lectures, and demonstrations.

Oren Lyons, an Onondaga tribe spiritual leader and environmentalist from New York, will be featured speaker at 7 p.m. Nov. 14 in student union ballroom.

The powwow will be Nov. 19 in the center for international trade development.

For more information, contact Joe Jones, Native American Student Association President, at: (405) 744-8777 or (405) 377-8439; or the multicultural development and assessment center at (405) 744-5481.

The public is welcome to attend and admission is free.

Tribal births-birthdays

Karissa Malynn Berryhill

WILSON — Karissa Malynn Berryhill recently celebrated her second birthday with a Barney party at the home of her great-grandfather, Thomas Berryhill.

She was born Oct. 20, 1992 to Michael and Kara Berryhill.

Her maternal grandparents are Wendell and Deanna Crook; her great-grandparents are Roy and Eula Swanson and Lillie Crook, all of Beggs.

She is the granddaughter of Jean Wilson of Lawrence, Kan. and Thomas Berryhill Jr. of Duck Creek. Her great-grandparents are Elizabeth Porter and the late Benjamin Wacoche and Thomas and the late Blanche Berryhill.

She is the daughter of the Wotko Clan and Tuckabatchee Tribal Town.



Berryhill

Asheley and Daniel Lee Rich

DAVISON, Mich. — Asheley Ann Rich recently celebrated her third birthday on Nov. 2.

Born prior to her birthday was her brother, Daniel Lee Rich.

Their parents are Whitney and Craig Rich.

Their grandparents are Robert and Georgine Dagenet of Morris; paternal grandparents are Nancy and Milan Korica of Las Vegas, Nev. and Don and Rosemary Rich, also of Davison.



A. and D. Rich

Zachary Elias Roberts

MORRIS — Zachary Elias Roberts celebrated his first birthday on Oct. 1.

He celebrated his birthday with a wiener roast at his grandparents' home with family and friends.

He is the son of Danny and Janell Roberts of Morris.



Roberts

Muscogee people

Youth wins SapulpaFest title

SAPULPA — Matthew Alan Powders was named Little Mr. SapulpaFest at an Aug. 19 pageant held as a part of 11th Annual SapulpaFest activities.

Among categories he was judged on were personality and dress. Part of his duties as Little Mr. SapulpaFest will include participation in the city's Christmas parade.

The 5-year-old boy is a student at Building Block Preschool. He is the son of Alan and Yvette Powders. His grandparents are Al and Donna Powders. He is the great-grandson of the late Joe and Gretchen Beaver.

Billiots to renew wedding vows

DULAC, La. — Muscogee citizen Carlene Allen Billiot and her husband, Elvis, will celebrate their first anniversary by renewing their vows Nov. 27 at their home.

Billiot is the daughter of Jerry and Josephine Deere and the late Harvey C. Allen. Her maternal grandparents are Fannie Mae and the late Rev. John Chalakee. Billiot is the son of Lance and Betty Billiot, also of Dulac.



The Billiots

The Billiots were married Nov. 7, 1993 in a private ceremony and are renewing their vows in the presence of family and friends. An open house and dedication of their new home will follow after the ceremony. The Revs. Donald R. Morgan and C. Kirby Verret will officiate.

Mrs. Billiot is employed with Dulac Community Center and Mr. Billiot is employed with the Zapata Haynie Corporation.

Citizen retires from U.S. Army

VALLEJO, Calif. — Dario Tonihka Perryman retired from the U.S. Army on July 31 after 20 years of service in the signal corps.

Perryman graduated from Compton High School in 1974 where he participated in the U.S. Army Reserved Officers Training Corps program. He immediately enlisted in the U.S. Army Signal

Corps following graduation. He served tours of duty in South Korea, Germany, Colorado, Georgia, Texas, and served as an Army recruiter in California.

Perryman married Myong Ja of South Korea in December, 1992. They have one son and are expecting another child in January.

He is the grandson of Georgia Mae Taylor Perryman of Los Angeles, Calif. His parents are Dreafus Tonsiwee and Esther Hernandez Perryman of Beaverton, Ore.

His father served in the U.S. Army Air Corps at the conclusion of World War II. His sister, Renee, of Vallejo, served in the U.S. Army Military Police Corps from 1975 through 1978. Brothers, Armon and Giovanni served in the U.S. Army and Navy.

Community briefs

Hanna elects new officers

HANNA — Twenty-six Hanna Indian Community members voted in an election to select new officers at its October regular meeting.

The officers are: Rebecca Barnett, chair; Ace Buckner, vice-chair; Kymberly Lowe Harjo, secretary; Lita Marshall, treasurer; and Lewis Proctor, sergeant-at-arms.

The regular meeting date has been changed to 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month.

Checotah installs new officers

CHECOTAH — A protest filed by a Checotah Indian Community member resulted in the conduction of a special election to affirm three community-elected positions.

The results of the Oct. 22 special election affirmed the following to office: Darrell Wesley, chair; Benji Wilbanks, secretary; and Martha Armstrong, treasurer.

These individuals will serve with the following officers currently in place: Mildred Burkhalter, vice-chair; Max Bear, vice-secretary; and Angie Barnes, reporter.

Holdenville to hold gospel singing

HOLDENVILLE — Holdenville Indian Community is holding a gospel singing at 7 p.m., Nov. 19.

The masters of ceremonies will be Al Brown and the Ada Harmonettes.

Everyone is welcome. Concessions will be available.

Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday activities are currently being planned by the social and recreation committees. Details will be published in a community calendar that will be available at the community center in early November.

The community center is located at 416 E. Poplar.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation obituaries

KOZY BUCKLEY

SAND CREEK — Funeral services for Kozy Buckley were held Oct. 7 at Sand Creek Baptist Church with Revs. J.B. Fish and Harry Anderson officiating.

He was born Nov. 5, 1914 at Wetumka to Rufus and Gussie Coachman Buckley. He died Oct. 3.

Buckley was reared in the Wetumka area, attending Hobson School. He was married to Eunice Sandlin; they had three children: Hershel, Wanda, and Beverly.

He entered the U.S. Army and served during World War II. Following his discharge, he settled in the Dumas, Texas area. He returned to Wetumka in the early 1950s.

In 1957 he was married to Lorene Jackson; they had six children. They made their home in Wetumka where he operated a Conoco service station. She predeceased him in death in 1964.

Following her death, he relocated his family to Weleetka. He was employed as a custodian at Adkins Nursing Home for several years.

He was a longstanding member of Sand Creek Baptist Church where he had served as a Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent, Brotherhood Director, Royal Ambassador Director, youth leader, maintenance person, and cemetery foreman.

He loved to sing Mvskoke hymns, enjoyed fishing, and working on small engines.

Along with his wife, Lorene, he was preceded in death by: his daughter, Wanda; four brothers, LeDon, Lewis, Henry, and Watie; two sisters, Yvonne Martin, and Mary Buckley.

Survivors include: three sons and two daughters-in-law, Hershel and Sharon of Downey, Calif., Michael and Olivia of Germantown, Md., and Kozy Jr. of Vinita; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Beverly of Texas, Nancy and Leonard Frazier of Tulsa, Rhonda and Sonny Givens of Weleetka, Gussie and Frankie Lewis of Weleetka, and Belinda and Charlie Hicks of Henryetta; a brother, Harvey Buckley of Wetumka; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Geneva Fish of Wetumka, Martha and Abe Allen of Los Angeles, and Betty Hill of Okmulgee; nine brothers-in-law, Tecumseh, Billy Joe, Thomas, Joe, Louie, Jack, Andrew, Robert, and Jacob Jackson; and two sisters-in-law, Suzanna Marshall and Betty Hogshooter; 30 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; several nieces; nephews; relatives; and friends.

Interment was at Sand Creek Cemetery.

BENNY HARJO

HENRYETTA — Funeral services for Benny Harjo, Okemah, were held Sept. 26 at Robert Simons Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 22, 1920 in Clearview to Dave and Cogee Jeffery Harjo. He died Sept. 22 at Creek

Nation Community Hospital.

He was married to Juanita Karlarn Harjo for 27 years. Harjo was employed as a farm hand. He was a member of Springfield United Methodist Church.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Survivors include: his wife; three daughters, Wanda Hicks, Senora Harjo, and Alice Green, all of Okemah; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Interment was in Springfield Cemetery.

WILLIAM PAUL JONES

SAPULPA — Funeral services for William Paul Jones of Kellyville were held Oct. 19 with Rev. Roy Bigpond officiating.

Jones died Oct. 17 at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa. He was born April 25, 1944 in Milfray and had lived in this area all of his life. He had served in the U.S. Navy and was a member of Mutteloke United Methodist Church in Bristow.

Survivors include: step-father, William A. Harris of Kellyville; brothers, Jessie Jones of Coffeyville, Kan., Eli Jones of Ft. Worth, Texas, David Jones of Ft. Worth; and sisters, Lorene Romine of Atwater, Calif., Betty Kimbel of Kellyville, Alice Bruner of Tulsa, and Joyce Jennings of Okmulgee.

Interment was at Bigpond Cemetery.

LUCILLE MARIE TAYLOR SANDERS

WHITTES, Calif. — Funeral services for Lucille Marie Taylor Sanders were held Aug. 12 at Rose Hill.

Sanders was born March 17, 1904 to William and Rosa Marie Grayson Taylor. She was the granddaughter of Henry and Mary Marshall Grayson. Sanders was an original allottee. She died at her home on Aug. 3.

Sanders moved to Los Angeles, Calif. in 1937. She was married to Daniel Sanders for 46 years.

Sanders worked for the government during World War II and was a homemaker. She was of the Baptist faith.

Sanders was preceded in death by: her husband; daughter, Earlie Mae Grey; grandson, James Coleman; sister, Pearl Tucker; two brothers, Harsy and Herman Taylor; and her parents.

Survivors include: a daughter, Geraldine Lynch; sister, Georgie Perryman; eight grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: grandsons, Richard, Eric, and Gerald Lynch; great-grandsons, Peter Loera and Barry Coleman.

Interment was at Rose Hill Cemetery.

JOHN ELLIS SCOTT

SPRINGFIELD — Funeral services for John Ellis Scott of Okemah were held Oct. 21 at Springfield United Methodist Church with Rev. John Lowe

officiating.

Scott was born May 14, 1935 in Okemah to Ellis and Susie Looney Scott. He died Oct. 17 at Creek Nation Community Hospital.

He was married to Billie Sulphur. Scott was employed as a machine operator with Simens Energy and Automatic and had resided in Texas for 29 years. He had just returned to Okemah in October to make his home. Scott was a member of Springfield United Methodist Church and the Electrician Works Union Local #59 in Dallas, Texas.

Survivors include: his wife, Billie, of the home; three daughters, Robyn York of Washington D.C., Alexis Bible of Seattle, Wa., Ruth Bible of Dallas; one brother, Jesse Scott of Weleetka; one sister, Francis Girty of Lawrence, Kan.; five grandchildren; and one great grandson.

Pallbearers were: Michael Tiger; Paul McNac; Lee Pedro; Edward Alvarez; Eugene Harjo; and Albert Berryhill Jr. Honorary pallbearers were: Nancy Beaver; Eliza Lowe; Rev. Jerry Baker; and Alex Buck.

ELLIS TECUMSEH

OKMULGEE — Funeral services for Ellis Tecumseh were held Oct. 21 with Revs. George Miller, Newman Frank, David Wilde, Willie Gooden, and Tom Washington officiating.

He died Oct. 18 at Tulsa Regional Medical Center. He was born Jan. 3, 1921 in Okmulgee to Eddie and Emma Bruner Tecumseh.

He married Betty Hughes on May 17, 1967 in Okmulgee. Tecumseh was a retired truck driver for Haskel Food. He was a World War II veteran and member of Concharty United Methodist Church.

Survivors include: his wife; two sons, Richard Hughes and Steven Tecumseh of Okmulgee; four daughters, Billie Joslin of Oklahoma City, Rebecca Brooks of Ft. Gibson, Jan Rodgers of Claremore, and Lisa Tecumseh of Omaha, Neb.; one brother, John Tecumseh; one sister, Nicey Wilson; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces; and nephews.

Gratitude

The family of Lucy Scott Gray wish to express our heartfelt thanks to family, friends, and neighbors. We are sincerely grateful to Pecan Grove Methodist Church and to those who brought and served food as well as for the cards, flowers, and prayers during the loss of our loved one.

The Lucy Scott Gray Family

We would like to thank everyone for the food and flowers that were sent during our time of sorrow. We would also like to thank everyone for the help and support they gave us during and following our father's hospital stay.

The Ellis Tecumseh Family

These Dustin Indian Community youth took first place at the youth co-ed softball tournament held at Lamar recently.

From left are: Alice Harjo; Robin Long; Sheena Billie; Junior Billie; Ashley Proctor; Shane Harjo; Andrea Proctor; Jonathan Goodman; and Billy Harjo.



photo by Oscar Harjo

Pictured are the students of Tim Stone that competed in an international Kara Ho Tournament held in San Diego. The Muscogee National Council helped fund the trips of tribal citizens whose names appear in bold. Front row, Robert Nick, **Aaron Tecumseh**, **Timothy Stone**, Magan Lemm, **Cherie Neal**, and **John Neal**. Back row, Kelly Giuloli, Deke Wise, Brandon Pierce, Darren Sparkman, and **Aaron Smith**.



photo by Stephanie Berryhill

Racism

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agencies, especially the Human Rights Commission, monitor the U.S. government's performance in fulfilling its international obligations in this area."

Churches across the U.S. and worldwide are urged to actively work against racism and for human rights. The team's report will be circulated widely, including congregations in the seven cities that hosted hearings.

"Racism has been a major issue in the National Council of Churches since its inception," said Dr. Joan Brown Campbell, the NCC's General Secretary. "What is new here is to focus on racism as a human rights issue and thus on the issue of international law." The NCC's General Board, at its November 1994 meeting in New Orleans, will receive a report on the hearings and discuss programmatic implications, Campbell said.

"The United States is part of the community of nations," said Kempton Makamure, professor of law at the University of Zimbabwe and part of the nine-member observer team. "It is not the first country where focus on human rights violations has been spotlighted. It is one among many countries.

"So there should be no problem in terms of us coming here, investigating, making inspections, and making the kind

of recommendations that we have made," he said.

"I'm one of those who expects a lot from the U.S.," said Donald Woods, a South African journalist who has lived in London since he fled his country's apartheid regime in the late 1970s. Speaking at an Oct. 19 news conference at which the team issued its report, Woods, a frequent visitor to the U.S., said, "Most proud Americans expect a lot of their country and so we must never relax in trying to make it better and better all the time."

"We are not putting America on trial," said Mohideen Abdul Kader, a human rights lawyer in Malaysia. "Our hope is that America will be able to resolve these issues and truly play a leading role in creating a world community of nations based on equality and justice."

Hymnals available

Hardback Muscogee hymnals are still available for \$12 (includes postage and handling) from George Bunney at: 2941 Cashion Place, Oklahoma City, OK 73112. Please make check or money order payable to Good Printing Co.



photo by Geri Berryhill

Several tribal officials were present to observe the retirement of Muscogee citizen Hugh Johnson from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at a reception hosted by the tribal housing authority. Pictured from left are: Principal Chief Bill Fife, Second Chief Shelly Crow, Johnson, his wife, Sonya, and son, Scott Johnson. In front is former Principal Chief Claude Cox.

Tribal 4-H swine winners announced

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee Nation 4-H Program recently held a 4-H swine show for members that are participating in the swine program. Eight 4-H members from Creek, Muskogee, Okfuskee, and Okmulgee counties participated in the show. All participants received \$25 and participation trophies from the program. The grand champion market hog winner was awarded a plaque and \$75; the reserve champion winner received \$50 and a plaque. Showmanship and reserve showmanship winners received plaques.

Show results:

- grand champion market hog, Billie Lindley, Wilson 4-H;
- reserve grand champion, Amanda McLoughlin, Kellyville 4-H;
- first place Hampshire, Lindley;
- second place Hampshire, Tiffany Kinsey, Kellyville 4-H;
- first place Yorkshire, McLoughlin;
- second place Yorkshire, Donnell Watshe, Kellyville 4-H;
- third place Yorkshire, Nelson Harjo, Wilson 4-H;
- first place Crossbreed, Rachael Landsberry, Taladegah 4-H, Henryetta;
- second place Crossbreed, Brandi Eller, Oktaha 4-H; and
- third place Crossbreed, Clayton Robison, Paden 4-H.

To help prepare the 4-H members in showing their pigs at various shows this fall, program participants attended workshops throughout the summer to learn more about swine health care and nutrition.

New program participants will receive their pigs in November.

For more information about the swine program and other 4-H programs, contact Robin Cooper, tribal extension 4-H agent at (918) 756-8700, ext. 370.

Fields observes eighteenth birthday

GLENPOOL — Patricia Jean Fields celebrated her 18th birthday with a family cookout at Chandler Park, Tulsa.

She is a senior at Glenpool High School. Fields is the 1994-95 Heritage Club Princess and is involved in other activities as well.

Fields is the daughter of Cheri Haney of Glenpool and Ira Fields of Tulsa. Maternal grandparents are Pauline James Haney of Glenpool, and the late Charles Sherrell of Illinois.

Maternal great-grandparents are Elizabeth Tecumseh James of Tulsa, and the late J.P. James of Tulsa.

Paternal grandparents are Marie Maytubby Fields of Glenpool, and the late Ira C. Fields Sr. of Pawnee.

Paternal great-grandparents are the late Mary LoneChief and Benjamin Maytubby of Milburn.

Fields has one brother, Hinhan-Ska and one sister, Shannean Cary Fields.



Fields



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Riding the highway

Ryal students learn, build faraway friendships via cyberspace

story and photos by Stephanie Berryhill

RYAL — Depending on which route you take, the road to Ryal School can be rugged and isolate.

But for the past month, Ryal students have been venturing on a highway that has enabled them to communicate with other children throughout the world.

Since accessing the Internet on Oct. 26, Ryal School students have been embarking on the information superhighway — making them some of the most technologically advanced school children in the state.

The Internet, an international net-

work of computers, offers the students the ability to receive and transmit information worldwide.

**"My kids are all blonds, freckled, and out of touch with reality in the world."
— Ben Heffer, third grade teacher, Boulder, Colo.**

Under the supervision of bilingual-multicultural class teacher Linda Berno, 60 third through seventh graders receive and send electronic mail (E-mail) to students from Bakersfield, Calif. to Tasmania, Australia.

Initially, Berno said they received no responses. After Berno sent out a "desperate" plea via the Internet, Arthur Galus, a graduate assistant at Boise State University, saw her appeal and lent a hand. He directed her request to the appropriate electronic



Eighth-graders Billie Proctor, Leah Hicks, and Kortney Jose write to their keypals during bilingual-multicultural class.

bulletin board. Galus fielded the out the world — almost more addresses than her students can maintain. Eighth-grader Kortney Jose received the first letter from a student in Boulder, please see RYAL..., page 8

**"I would like to see a picture of your Indian teepee."
— Campbell, Neb. sixth-grader**

Muscogee Nation hosts royalty owners meeting for Muscogee and Seminole tribes

OKMULGEE — A meeting for royalty owners of the Muscogee and Seminole tribes will be hosted by Muscogee Nation from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Dec. 14.

The meeting will begin with a trouble shooting session for royalty owners having problems receiving royalty payments or with leasing questions. This session will end at noon.

The BIA requests that royalty own-

ers bring any documents that may assist its minerals section staff in answering questions.

A general session, beginning at 1 p.m., will in-

What BIA royalty owners meeting
When: 9 a.m., Dec. 14
Where: Muscogee Nation,
U.S. Highway 75 and loop 56

please see BIA..., page 8

Chief Fife offers yuletide greetings

Seasons greetings — this holiday season is a very special time to share with our families, friends, and citizens. As we enter this holiday season, I would like to express a special thank you to the employees, National Council, and citizens of Muscogee (Creek) Nation for all of your support and dedication in 1994. As we look forward to the new year, it's also a time to be thankful for our achievements and successes in our own lives and as members of the Muscogee Nation.

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Holiday message from Second Chief Crow

by Shelly Crow

As the Christmas season nears there is no time more appropriate to express my appreciation to all of you for the support you have given the office of the second chief and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation this year.

Reflecting back, I feel the second chief's position has progressed tremendously, but this was accomplished through joint efforts, hard work, and dedication. Together we have and will continue to make great strides. I want to extend my gratitude to all tribal employees, Muscogee citizens, and the National Council. I look forward to working with the newly appointed health board members.

I ask that you continue to pray for our administration so we may have strength and knowledge to go forth and lead our tribe in the best interest of all concerned. Also, please

pray for the newly elected state officials. It is their understanding of our needs and goals and their representation that will best promote our tribe at state and federal levels.

This year we have experienced sorrow at the passing of loved ones, but we have also experienced join the birth of newborns who may someday be leaders of our great Muscogee Nation.

It is the responsibility of all to ensure a healthy, bright future for our youth by strengthening our family and community ties — to teach and maintain our culture and traditions.

As your second chief I look forward to serving and working with you in the upcoming year. My family and I wish everyone a merry Christmas and a safe, happy New Year. May your blessings be many and your troubles few.

Notice of intent to hold public hearings

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Pursuant to a request of the Muscogee National Council Business and Government Committee, one public hearing will be held in each of the nation's eight districts on whether the Muscogee Nation should enact legislation relating to motor vehicle tags and registration and earnings (income) taxes.

The United States Supreme Court has held that the State of Oklahoma cannot impose income taxes or motor vehicle taxes or registration fees on tribal citizens who live in "Indian Country."

Indian Country includes formal and informal reservations, dependent Indian communities, and Indian allotments, whether restricted or held in trust by federal government. *Oklahoma Tax Commission v. Sac and Fox Nation*, 113 S.

Letters to the editor

Citizen seeks genealogy information

Editor:

I am looking for any genealogical information on the families of Eliza Victoria Smith Barton. She is my great-grandmother. Her mother and father were Lucinda Yargee and John B. Smith. Her brothers were Lewis, John, and Charley Smith — all of whom lived around the rural areas of Wetumka, Dustin, and Eufaula.

Barton's sister was Elizabeth, also known as Aunt Lizzie Rhine. All were enrolled Creek tribal members. The family allotment was between Eufaula and McAlester.

If there are any family descendants of the above, I'd appreciate hearing from them. Write to: HC 63 Box 180B, Eufaula, OK 74432.

Marilyn Dover Tolbert, Eufaula

Veterans Day program director grateful

Editor:

This is to offer special thanks to the following for helping to make the Nov. 11 Veteran's Day Program a success:

Geneva Douglas, Mason;

Jamie Coon; Shawna Coon; Mindy Hill; Ada Littlecreek; and Seneca Smith — Okemah Public Schools;

Alisa Douglas and Jarrad Vanderslice — Mason Public Schools;

Jim and Ruthie Burgess; Linda Downs (and her husband, Larry); Mike Factor; and Pat Morgan — tribal employees;

Jim B. Harjo, Okmulgee District representative; and Phyllis Warrington, Creek District representative;

Amos McNac, tribal supreme court justice; and Robert Bill Jones and the Vietnam Era Veterans Color Guard.

Also, thanks to Francis Wheeler, Three Flags Smokeshop, Sapulpa and Three Feathers Smokeshop, Haskell; and Tom Callico of Duke's Office Supply for their monetary contributions.

Most especially, thank you to all the veteran's in attendance.

If anyone would like to submit names of any family members living or deceased, please mail to: Attention: Valeria Littlecreek, Muscogee Nation, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Valeria Littlecreek, Okemah

Editor's note: Littlecreek is the tribal human development director.

Council representative says thanks

Editor:

I would like to say "thank you" to Tom Callico of Duke's Office Supply, Tulsa, and Francis Wheeler of Three Flags Smokeshop, Sapulpa, and Three Feathers Smokeshop of Haskell, for their monetary donation for the veterans. Their donations helped make the reception possible for the veterans and their families at the Veterans Recognition Program Nov. 11 [in Okmulgee].

Thank you to Pat Morgan for helping with the reception. I'm sorry she had to miss the program but her help was much appreciated.

A special thank you to Jeanetta Johnson for her support.

Phyllis Warrington, Sapulpa

Editor's note: Warrington is a Creek District representative to the National Council.

Seasons greetings and best wishes for the coming New Year from the Muscogee Nation Communications Department.

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James Wolfe, managing editor

Stephanie B. Berryhill, senior staff writer

National Council overrides vetoes at November session

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) National Council had two veto overrides highlighting a brief agenda at its November 19 regular session.

The 35-member tribal legislature's actions will "dissolve" the tribe's industrial development board and sets the expenditures for the elderly nutrition program.

According to the legislation, the Council found the commission has "never achieved the obligations" of its enabling ordinance — NCA 92-61 — and the board is duplicitous, citing the economic development planner administrative staff position.

Principal Chief Bill Fife recommended the Council review NCA 92-61 and make improvements and set performance criteria for the board, rather than abolish the board in his veto message to the Council.

The vote was 28-3. Voting for the override were: **Duke Harjo, Creek Dist.; Dwayne Lowe and Thomas Yahola, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; Wilbur Gouge, Sandy McIntosh, Thomas McIntosh, and Yahola Townsend, McIntosh Dist.; Helen Chupco, Charlie Coker, and Frances Pease, Muskogee Dist.; Mae Jackson, Clyde Johnson, and Wynema Roberts,**

Okfuskee Dist.; A.D. Ellis, Anderson Hale, Jim Harjo, Dave Lewis, Charlie Litsey, Peggy Lyda, and David Nichols, Okmulgee Dist.; Perry Beaver, Steve Bruner, Irene Cleghorn, Jess Kelley, Earl King, and Edwin Moore, Tulsa Dist.; and Richard Berryhill and Barbara Gillespie, Wagoner-Rogers-Mayes Dist.

Voting to sustain the veto were: **Darrell Coachman and Tim Fife, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; and Bruce Smith, Okfuskee Dist.**

The speaker votes on veto considerations.

Absent from the meeting were: **Leah Jack, Phyllis Warrington, and Earl Wheeler, Creek Dist.; and Larry Bible, Tulsa Dist.**

In other business, the Council:

— overrode (25-6) the veto of NCA 94-80, an amendment to the fiscal year 1995 comprehensive budget for the elderly nutrition program. Voting for the override were: **D. Harjo, Creek Dist.; Yahola, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; Gouge, S. McIntosh, and Townsend, McIntosh Dist.; Chupco, Coker, and Pease, Muskogee Dist.; Jackson, Johnson, and Roberts, Okfuskee Dist.; Ellis, Hale, J. Harjo, Litsey, Lyda, and Nichols, Okmulgee Dist.; Beaver, Bruner, Cleghorn, Kelley, King, and Moore, Tulsa Dist.; and Berryhill and Gillespie, Wag-**

oner-Rogers-Mayes Dist.;

Voting to sustain the veto were: **Coachman, Fife, and Lowe, Hughes-Seminole Dist.; T. McIntosh, McIntosh Dist.; Smith, Okfuskee Dist.; and Lewis, Okmulgee Dist.;**

— approved unanimously (30-0) the keep the peace act that provides procedures and responsibilities when dealing with threats to individuals and property;

— approved unanimously (30-0) authorization of restitution procedures for loss from injury or to property for the tribal court;

— approved unanimously (30-0) the confirmation of Muscogee citizen Mary Lee of Longview, Texas, to the Creek Nation Health Systems Board;

— approved unanimously (30-0) an amendment to NCA 90-106. The earlier bill established an account for Muscogee students to defray expenses incurred with extra-curricular activities. The amendment appropriates \$20,000 from the bingo revenue account; and

— postponed (30-0) action on a resolution to adopt amended policies and procedures for the National Council.

The Council's December regular session will be Dec. 17.

Program briefs

Tribe receives energy assistance grant

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee Nation Social Services Program has been awarded more than \$92,000 for the fiscal year 1995 low income home energy assistance program.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will fund the program and the social services department will provide the administration for the program.

Social services manager Judy Haumpy said the program will be administered in two portions — the first for those Indians 55 and older and the second for all Indian households. Applications for energy assistance for the first portion of the program will be accepted Dec. 12 at the social services offices in the Solomon McCombs Executive Office Building at the tribal capitol complex.

The program will follow federal eligibility guidelines including income and residency restrictions.

Applicants must be able to document Indian heritage and live within the Muscogee Nation boundaries as well as meet other qualifications.

Haumpy said the program has a limited amount of funding and if any funds are left after the first set of applications is considered they will be used in January for those households headed by Indians age 19 and older.

Special election dates announced

OKMULGEE — Principal Chief Bill Fife has declared a vacancy on the Muscogee (Creek) National Council and has called for a special election.

The move was necessitated by the death of McIntosh District representative Tommy Newton.

Candidate filing period for McIntosh District representative Seat A is Dec. 12, 13, and 14 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the tribal election board office, room 120 in the Solomon McCombs Executive Office Building at the tribal capitol complex.

Special election dates:

- filing period — Dec. 12 through 14
- McIntosh district absentee voter registration closes — Jan. 4
- precinct registration closes — Jan. 18
- special primary election — Jan. 28
- precinct registration opens — Jan. 31
- precinct registration closes — Feb. 22
- special general election (if necessary) — March 4.

For information about candidate filing and voter registration, contact the Muscogee Nation Election Board at (918) 756-8700, ext. 350.

Program to hold youth tournament

OKMULGEE — Muscogee Nation Depart-

Hugh Johnson, left, receives a plaque from Creek Nation Housing Authority Board of Commissioners chair Ken Childers at a reception for Johnson recently. Johnson is a retiring administrator of the Indian housing programs for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Oklahoma City office.



ment of Public Health's Community Health Representatives Program is holding an Indian youth basketball tournament Dec. 29 and 30.

The tournament, titled "Hoopin' for Life-Slam Dunk AIDS," will be held at Wilson Public Schools Gymnasium. All Certificate Degree of Indian Blood-possessing youth, grades seven through 12, that live within Muscogee Nation tribal boundaries are eligible to participate.

First and second place winners will be awarded team and individual trophies. Third and fourth place winners will receive team trophies. Most valuable player and sportsmanship trophies will be provided for all brackets. High school rules will apply.

For more information, write or call: CHR Program, P.O. Box 10, Okmulgee, OK 74447, (918) 756-1941.

Girl and dog make successful team

GLENPOOL — Twelve-year-old Rachel Barnett and her dog, Belle, won first and third place awards at the Northeast District 4-H Dog Show held recently.

The duo won first place in obedience and third place in showmanship.

Barnett and Belle won first and fourth place awards at Tulsa State Fair's 4-H Dog Obedience show held in October. They placed first in obedience — scoring 191 out of 200 — and fourth in showmanship categories.

The pair received awards at the State Fair of Oklahoma in September also. They received second place in obedience and fourth place in showmanship.

Preparing them for shows were dog obedience classes held in Glenpool last spring. They were held by Muscogee Nation Oklahoma State University Extension Agent Robin Cooper.

"Rachel has been very dedicated to training her dog and her hard work has resulted in she and Belle receiving a title for the first degree of obedience."

Barnett plans to continue showing her dog and has advanced to the next level of competition.

She attends seventh grade at Glenpool Middle School. Her favorite subject is science. She participates in basketball and vocal music also. She is the daughter of Faith Watashe.



Barnett and Belle

Education notices

Five tribes museum holding art show

MUSKOGEE — The Five Civilized Tribes Museum is soliciting entries for its 1995 student art show.

The show is open to seventh through 12th graders who are of five tribes' descent. Bacone College will offer a full tuition scholarship to the best of show winner. The deadline for entries is Feb. 26.

For more information, write or call the museum at: Five Civilized Tribes Museum, Agency Hill, Honor Heights Drive, Muskogee, OK 74401, (918) 683-1701.

Society grants scholarships to Creeks

BOULDER, Colo. — The American Indian Science and Engineering Society recently announced the presentation of scholarship awards to four individuals of Creek descent.

The 1994-95 A.T. Anderson Scholarship awards were granted to the following students: John Beaver, Muskogee; Ronald DeBlanc, Orange; Carrie Walker, Tecumseh; and Grant Williams, Pawnee.

The AISES scholarship program was established in 1983 in memory of A.T. Anderson, a Mohawk and chemical engineer who founded the society with six other American Indian scientists.

The scholarships are awarded annually to American Indian-Alaska native undergraduate and graduate students who are pursuing academic programs in the sciences, engineering, health-related fields, business, natural resources, and math and science secondary education.

For more information about AISES, write or call: 1630 30th St., Suite 301, Boulder, CO 80301-1014, (303) 939-0023.

Muscogee students honored

Muscogee coed earns trip to D.C.

WASHINGTON — Muscogee citizen Melissa Deeringwater of Morris was one of 13 entrants to have her poster selected to be featured in a calendar for American Indian youth.

Deeringwater entered the contest sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. She and the other artists were flown to Washington D.C. for ceremonies related to American Indian Heritage Month. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros made the presentation to Deeringwater.

The 15-year-old is the daughter of Melinda Deeringwater.



Deeringwater

carries for 181 yards and three touch downs in a game against Deer Creek-Lamont — with sprints of 46, 53, and 54 yards. On defense, he intercepted three passes, adding 101 yards in returns.

He was named Northwest Eight-man player of the week in an Enid newspaper; KNID radio station selected him as defensive player of the week also.

Colleges and universities in Oklahoma and Kansas are actively attempting to recruit Golden.

He participates in basketball, baseball, and track. Golden's favorite sport is baseball. He would like to attend Oklahoma State University — preferably on a baseball scholarship. He is interested in pursuing a career in engineering or an occupation with endeavors to protect the environment.

He is the son of Linda and Jerry Golden. His grandparents are Eugene Golden and LouAnn Wells. His greatgrandparents are the late Pete and Annie Harjo, Okemah.



Golden

Creek has promising football career

ENID — In October, Muscogee citizen Justin A. Golden was named one of *The Daily Oklahoman's* Prep Athletes of the Week.

He is a senior at Pond Creek High School and plays offense and defense for the Pond Creek Hunter Panthers.

The newspaper reported that he had 10

Muscogee Nation reader

The following is a partial list of books about Muscogee (Creek) history. Contact your local library or a book retailer for availability. A more complete list is available from the tribal communications Department upon request.

Braund, Kathryn E.

"Deerskins and Duffles — Creek Indian Trade With Anglo-America, 1685-1815," University of Nebraska Press, 1993

Debo, Angie

"The Road To Disappearance: A History of the Creek Indians," University of Oklahoma Press, 1992

"And Still The Waters Run," Princeton University Press

Littlefield, Daniel F. Jr.

"Alex Posey — Creek Poet, Journalist, & Humorist," University of Nebraska Press, 1992

Martin, Joel

"Sacred Revolt," Beacon Press, Boston, 1992

Posey, Alex

"The Fus Fixico Letters," edited by Littlefield, University of Nebraska Press, 1993

Wright, J. Leitch Jr.

"Creeks and Seminoles: The Destructions and Regeneration of the Muscogulge People," University of Nebraska Press, 1967

Area briefs and announcements

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Art council seeks applicants for program

OKLAHOMA CITY — The State Arts Council of Oklahoma is seeking applicants for its 1995 apprenticeship program.

The program is aimed at perpetuating traditional arts which have continuously been learned and used within the applicants' communities. Priority will be given to applicants from the same traditional community. Priority will be given to community arts which are in danger of "passing out."

Art forms eligible for apprenticeships are: crafts (bead and leather work, ballstick making, hide

tanning, basket weaving, etc.); songs, music, and dance; storytelling; traditional cooking; and plant and medicine identification, gathering, and use.

For more information, call Dayna Bowker Lee, traditional arts coordinator, at (405)521-2931.

Bureau seeks program specialist

WASHINGTON — The Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families is seeking to fill the position of Head Start program specialist.

Generally, the position entails assisting public or private groups in planning, developing, implementing, and monitoring Head Start programs for American Indians. The promotion potential is that of a GS-12.

The location of the position is at Head Start Bureau, American Indian Programs Branch in Washington D.C.

The closing date is Dec. 20.

For more information, call (202) 606-2700. When the recorded message begins, dial 1-2-900 for information about vacancies or dial 1-2-901 to request an application package.

Institute names award recipients

NORMAN — The Oklahoma Institute of In-

dian Heritage, a consortium of 30-tribes dedicated to Indian tourism in Oklahoma, presented its 1994 "Spirit of the People" awards at its Fall Fest.

Awards were presented to Dominic Mastrapasqua, deputy commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans and Wilma Mankiller, principal chief of the Cherokee Nation.

Museum announces new hours

MUSKOGEE — The Five Civilized Tribes Museum announces its hours for 1995. The museum will be open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m., Sunday.

The museum will close at 2 p.m., Dec. 24 and remain closed Dec. 25. The museum will also close at 2 p.m., Dec. 31 and remain closed Jan. 1. The museum is located on Agency Hill at Honor Heights Drive.

Tulsa University hosts human rights observance

TULSA — In celebration of the United Nation's International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, a gathering of diverse indigenous peoples from the area will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 10 — International Human Rights Day.

The International Decade of the World's Indigenous People is an official resolution of the United Nations General Assembly. Adopted on Feb. 18, 1994, its goal for the decade is "the strengthening of international cooperation for the solution of problems faced by indigenous people in such areas as human rights, the environment, development, education, and health..."

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Richard Grounds, Yuchi-Seminole, a Henry Kendall Fellow of Anthropology and Religion at the University of Tulsa. Other featured speakers will be Jewru Bandeh, executive director of Tulsa Community Action Agency and Debra Cohn-Levine, director of religious education for Temple Israel.

A book display will be set up; indigenous art, music, and poetry will be available.

The event will be held on the TU campus, 600 S. College, in the Alan Chapman Center, Gallery Conference Room, second floor. For more information, contact Ann Dapice at (918) 396-1467 or Julienne Judd at (918) 321-3109.

Holiday closings

All Muscogee Nation governmental, administrative offices, and health and dental clinics will be closed Dec. 23 and 26 for Christmas and again Dec. 30 and Jan. 2 for New Year's.

The Muscogee National Council December regular session will be at 10 a.m., Dec. 17 at the tribal capitol complex in Okmulgee.

The deadline for submissions for the January edition of *The Muscogee Nation News* is Dec. 16.

Brown-Bucktrots reunion

BRISTOW — The first Brown-Bucktrots family reunion was held Nov. 19 with approximately 90 people of Yuchi descent attending. The reunion was held at the Bucktrots family home.

Several elders attended as well as other family members. A potluck dinner, games, and other activities were among the day's activities.

The reunion was organized by family member Earl Wheeler, a Creek District representative to the tribal National Council.

Religion notices

Okmulgee church to present program

OKMULGEE — Deliverance Tabernacle United Pentecostal Church will present its Christmas program "Bethlehem Star" Dec. 17 and 18 beginning at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited. The church is located at 1512 E. Thirteenth St. Mark Morgan is the pastor.

Davis Chapel chili supper

COWETA — Davis Chapel United Methodist Church is having a benefit chili supper from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Dec. 10. Cost is \$3.50 per person with proceeds to go toward rebuilding costs. The church was destroyed by fire. To get to the supper, drive one and one-half miles south of downtown Coweta on state highway 72.

Bemo Baptist Church holiday services

BIXBY — Bemo Baptist Church will have an all-day Christmas service beginning at 11 a.m., Dec. 18. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. and a party with Santa Claus will follow.

Also, the church will have a New Year's Eve watch party from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. The church will serve supper and breakfast. The public is invited to both events.

Bemo Baptist Church is located at 13323 S. 73rd St.

Muscogee births and birthdays

Kyla Paige Wilbanks

MUSKOGEE — Tribal citizens Vernon and Shannon Wilbanks announce the birth of their daughter, Kyla Paige Wilbanks, on Oct. 2.

Wilbanks was born at Muskogee Regional Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 inches long.

She has a sister, Kalen, nine, and a brother, Nicholas, five.

Wilbanks maternal grandparents are Charles and Joan Skaggs of Checotah. Great-grand parents are Emmett and Ruth Terry, Checotah, and the late Drennon and Maybelle Skaggs. Paternal grandparents are Gene and Naggie Wilbanks.



Wilbanks

Cierria McPerryman

BRISTOW — Cierria McPerryman will observe her first birthday Dec. 15 with family and friends at her home. McPerryman is the daughter of tribal citizen Bruce McPerryman and his wife, Ginny, of Bristow.

Paternal grandparents are Jeanette and Dewy Horse of Bristow, and Leon and Billie Joe McPerryman of Cromwell. Paternal great-grandparents are Joann and Arthur Powell, the late George Hill of Bristow, and the late Sarah Coker Hicks of Mason.

Maternal grandparents are Vickie McClain and Charles and Rose Bailey, all of Paden. Maternal great-grandparents are Charles and Virginia Miller of Welty and Albert and Mary Edna Bailey of Paden.

Citizen receives company award

TULSA — Muscogee citizen Jerry Burleson Jr. of Tulsa has received the MAPCO award of premiership for his efforts during the July 14 flood that closed one of the company's buildings. Burleson is a building operations dispatcher with MAPCO and has been an employee for four years.

The Tulsa Junior College student is the son of Harral and Deborah Noyes of Hanna, and Jerry and Rosemary Burleson of Tulsa. His maternal grandmother is Mrs. Dewey Talbert Jr. of Hanna.



Burleson

Yahola and Harigill united in marriage

TULSA — Muscogee citizen Kerri Danelle Yahola was married to Jeremy Harigill Nov. 5. Yahola is the daughter of Sammie and Cindy Yahola of Tulsa. Harigill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harigill, also of Tulsa.

The bride's maid of honor was Angie Arrington of Pryor. Best man was Tim O'Brien of Dallas, Texas. Bridesmaids were Yvonne Bevenue of Keifer and Sara Haney of Oklahoma City. Haney is a cousin of the bride. Groomsmen were Kevin Yahola of Keifer and Greg Harigill of Tulsa; the two are the siblings of the bride and groom, respectively.

Playing the piano was Suzanne Langan of Stillwater, cousin of the bride. Angela Bunner, another cousin of the bride, attended the guest book. Other cousins, Ryan and Jared Bunner and Cody McGertt were ushers.

Yahola is the granddaughter of Nora Cheek and Gladys Yahola, both of Okemah. She is the great-granddaughter of Susie Foster of Okemah.

After celebrating their union with a honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico, the couple are making their home in Tulsa. The bride is employed at the Brokerage Firm of Purdential Securities of Tulsa; the groom is an executive sales representative for TLC National Marketing Company.



The Harigills

Chickasaw Nation crowns new royalty

Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby, left, and Lt. Gov. David Brown, far right, pose with newly-selected Chickasaw royalty Little Miss Chickasaw Monica Seawright, Chickasaw Junior Miss, and Chickasaw Princess Rachael Stick.



Social events

Mvskokes revive old-time fiddle dance

OKEMAH — An "old-time" fiddle dance will be held at 8 p.m., Dec. 14 at Okemah Indian Community Center.

Tema Tiger will be the featured fiddler. Ladies who plan on dancing are encouraged to wear a comfortable skirt or dress. Concessions will be available. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Those attending are advised to bring their chairs. The coordinators and community assumes no liability for accidents.

The community center is located two blocks south of Interstate 40 on state highway 27.

Dewar Indian Community holiday fete

DEWAR — Dewar Indian Community's holiday celebration will be from 12 to 3 p.m., Dec. 10 at the community center, 402 Louella. The public is invited and encouraged to bring a covered dish, though it is not required. The community's gift shop hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday.

CNHA seasonal greetings

The Creek Nation Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and the executive director wish you a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. We look forward to serving you in the New Year. We also encourage you to take measures to make this a safe and happy holiday season.

During the past year, the CNHA has accomplished many rewarding tasks. Many homes have been modernized through the comprehensive rehabilitation grant program; new homeowners have been added to our list and some of those homeowners have been able to pay off their homes and become true homeowners.

By working together toward our respective responsibilities and keeping an open line of communication, we have put most of the old problems behind us. I foresee only a brighter future ahead.

In light of the many accomplishments we have made, we here at the CNHA feel good about the work we have done and enter this holiday season with a new sense of pride in serving you.

On a personal note, I want to wish you all the best of the season, a joyous Christmas, and a happy New Year.

Kenneth Childers, CNHA commissioner chair

Muscogee (Creek) Nation obituaries

MILLER BRUNER

TWIN HILLS — Funeral services for Miller Bruner were held Oct. 17 at Concharty United Methodist Church with Rev. Harry Long officiating.

Bruner was born March 28, 1918 in Okmulgee. He died Oct. 14 at Claremore Indian Hospital.

A lifelong resident of the Twin Hills area, Bruner worked as a truck driver, brick layer, and ranch hand. He was a member of Concharty United Methodist Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Esther; a sister, Louvina Bruner; and a brother Robert Bruner, all of the Twin Hills area; two stepdaughters; two stepsons; several grandchildren; several nieces; and nephews.

BRENDA BUNNER CASEY

CROMWELL — Funeral services for Brenda Lee Bunner Casey were held Oct. 19 at Little Quarsarte Baptist Church.

Casey was born May 4, 1945 to David and Esther Bunner in Okemah. She died Oct. 16 following a lengthy illness.

Casey was preceded in death by: her father; and a nephew.

Survivors include: her husband, Virgil Casey of Bixby; two daughters, Virenda Casey of Bixby, and Tara Ritter of Tulsa; her mother of Glenpool; two sisters, Pat Bunner of Morris, and Margie Kelley of Glenpool; three brothers, David L. and Gary Bunner, both of Tulsa, and Kenny Bunner of Okmulgee; a son-in-law, Alan Ritter of Tulsa; several nieces; and several nephews.

Pallbearers were: Alan Ritter; David Bunner; Ken Bunner; Keith Bunner; Jerry Deere; and Tom King.

TOMMY SCOTT NEWTON

CHECOTAH — Funeral services for Tommy Scott Newton were held Nov. 11 at Brush Hill Baptist Church with Rev. Gary Keen officiating.

Newton was born Aug. 29, 1967 to Leo and Charlene Fox Newton in Muskogee. He died Nov. 8 in Tulsa.

He was McIntosh District representative to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. Newton was a member of Brush Hill Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Survivors include: his mother of Checotah; his grandmother, Leona Fox of Checotah; a brother, Timothy Leo Newton of Checotah; a niece, Kathey Newton of Checotah; two aunts, Esther Holloway of Tahlequah, and Josephine

Owens of Checotah; three uncles, Joe Fox of Checotah, Junior and Herman Newton of Checotah.

Pallbearers were: Tom Pickering; Berry Howell; Justin Howell; Ed Toiius, Mike Newton; H.B. Taylor; Bill Davis; Randy Dill; Brad Fox; George Johnson; Eastmon Holloway; and Randy Owens.

Interment was in the Greenlawn Cemetery.

LEORA PETERS

HOFFMAN — Graveside funeral services for Leora Peters were Sept. 16 with Rev. Barbara Brown officiating.

Peters was born July 10, 1901 in Indian Territory to Pink Patton and Mary Butler. She died Sept. 11 in Albuquerque, N.M.

Peters was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church, Henryetta.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Silver Peters; two sons; and one daughter.

Survivors include: two daughters, Nadine Bond of Hobbs, N.M., and Billye Clark of Albuquerque; three sons, Jerry Peters of Pomona, Calif., Earl Peters of Las Vegas, Nev., and Ed Peters of Albuquerque; two sisters, Lora Jennings of Albuquerque; and Marie Mahoney of Oklahoma City; two daughters-in-law, Roberta Peters of Las Vegas, and Marian Peters of Albuquerque; a son-in-law, Charles Bond of Hobbs; 13 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Interment was in the Hoffman Cemetery.

SUSAN ANN COSAR SCOTT

EUFULA — Susan Ann Cosar Scott died Oct. 25. Officiating at wake services were Revs. Ernest Best, Rudolph Colbert, Richmond Carr, Amos Bean, and Bryce Scott. She was born July 18, 1898 to George and Lucinda Lewis Cosar in Eufaula, Indian Territory. She married Bennie Buckskin Scott in 1918.

An active member of West Eufaula Baptist Church since 1910, Scott held offices in the church and the Womens Missionary Union continuously as well as offices in the Muscogee-Seminole-Wichita Indian Baptist Association.

She was preceded in death by: her parents; her husband; two sons, Sandy Mack and George Scott; a brother, Chester Cosar; and a sister, Melissa Cosar Douglas.

Survivors include: two daughters, Harriet Tiger of Eufaula and Samarian Herndon of Shawnee; one son, Chester Scott of Ada; a grandson, Jon M. Tiger of Eufaula; 21 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

NANCY FISH STAPP

SAND CREEK — Funeral services for Nancy Fish Stapp were held Oct. 31 at Sand Creek Baptist Church with Revs. Harry Anderson and Bill Beaver officiating.

Stapp was born May 28, 1919 to Dan and Dora Pack Fish. In 1939 she married Gene D. Stapp; they had 12 children.

She was preceded in death by: her husband; three sisters, Opal, Ellen, and Margret; three brothers, Charles, Jake, and Arthur; one grandson, Steven Stapp; and her parents.

Survivors include: seven daughters, Lavern Counts, Louise Buck, Brenda Howell, Rita Smith, Anita, Carole, and Sharon Stapp; five sons, Pete, Danny, Bobby, Ronnie, and Gene Stapp; two sisters, Wanda Barrett and Josephine Wright; 26 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; many nieces; nephews; relatives; and friends.

Pallbearers were her grandsons: Art and Johnny Strong; Danny Stapp Jr.; Adam Stapp; Clint Stapp; and Brett Stapp.

Interment was at Sand Creek Cemetery.

Gratitude

We would like to express our thanks to all that supported us during the loss of our beloved daughter, sister, and mother. A special thanks for the Muscogee Nation and the lighthouse administration.

We appreciate the church service, the beautiful special song, food, flowers, and kindness and compassion bestowed on us.

God bless you all.

The Brenda Bunner Casey Family

The Bruner family would like to thank everyone for the food and flowers that were sent during our time of sorrow. Your help support and prayers were very much appreciated.

The Miller Bruner Family

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone for the food, flowers, cards, and the kind words during our time of sorrow. We are sincerely grateful to Williamson Funeral Home and to Sand Creek Baptist Church.

Your kindness will always be remembered.

The Nancy Fish Stapp Family

We would like to thank those who extended their condolences during our time of sorrow. Special thanks goes to: Muscogee Nation; Thlopthlocco Tribal Town; and the Robert Simons Funeral Home.

There are also many, many others who we wish to express our appreciation to — your kindness did not go unnoticed.

The John Ellis Scott Family

Ryal students go online

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Colo. Jose currently maintains 12 keypals, some from Canada, New York, and Michigan.

An excerpt from Jose's letter to Lauren in New York reads: "What do you do in the summer? I mostly play softball with my cousin's team. And go to stompdances. Stompdances are ceremonial dances that the Creek Indians do in the summer."

Berno said the students that communicate with her class seem to be particularly interested in American Indian culture — specifically food, stompdances, and the Mvskoke language.

"What more perfect way for them [Ryal students] to learn about the language arts than communicating. They learn about different cultures and send recipes."

Third grade Bolder, Colo. teacher Ben Heffer wrote to Bernardo: "My kids are all blonds, freckled, and out of touch with reality in the world."

Ryal kids have been doing their part to dispell American Indian stereotypes through their correspondence with children such as Heffers. One fifth-grade student from Campbell, Neb. wrote: "I would like to see a picture of your Indian teepee." Sixth-grade students from Mandeville, La. asked: "Does your tribe have totum poles?" "What is it like to be an Indian?" "Do you eat regular food?"

"I guess they think [Indians] still live on the plains or the prairies," said eighth-grader Cheyenne Marks.

All of the children are responsible for keeping hard (paper) copies of their E-mail, Bernardo said. School principal Louis Hicks has even customized personal mail boxes which the students regularly check for incoming mail.

Of 85 kindergarten through eighth-graders attend-

ing the school, 75 percent are American Indian, predominantly Mvskoke. The Title VII funding of the multicultural-bilingual class is attributed to this fact, Bernardo said.

Jose said she "feels privileged" to be utilizing such communications technology — and rightly so.

In talking with officials of Comanche, Oklahoma, Okmulgee, and Tulsa counties' district boards of education, Bernardo said that none were aware of their respective schools' students receiving and sending E-mail.

Technically, the children aren't accessing the Internet on a regular basis, although Bernardo allows the children to access educational formats where they may chat with other children under her supervision. By early '95, she plans to let them access educational formats on their own.

"These students here know more about computers than the teachers at Henryetta — most schools," said Bernardo, who was a substitute teacher for Henryetta Public Schools prior to teaching at Ryal this year.

Hicks believes it gives these children advantages beyond the average school child, thus empowering them with knowledge and preparing them for higher education.

"It's given the kids that [have] graduated here a head start. Take my kids for example — they're in college; they're not afraid of the computer. They can go to the library and use the computer. They can use



Anthony Fields and Cheyenne Marks respond to their E-mail. The students' personal mail boxes are in the background.

it at home. They can use it for research," said Hicks, a Muscogee tribal citizen.

His only remorse — "I get disappointed because when they leave here and go to other schools and are at a standstill."

National Student Research Center Director John Swang, of Mandeville, calls Bernardo a "guru."

Swang, during a teachers' workshop over the Internet, had Bernardo field questions from other teachers regarding the organization of her classroom E-mail.

E-mail correspondence from Galus to Bernardo gives kudos to the school's efforts also. He touts Hicks a "pioneer."

"I am excited about the reponse you have [received] from your principal. Tell him that he is a pioneer. So many principals have yet to venture as far as he."

Chief Fife extends holiday greetings

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Although our goals for 1994 were many, we have made great strides in accomplishing them. We've put a strong emphasis on programs which strengthen our families, our communities, and enhance our culture. Each department has been instrumental in our vision for Muscogee Nation.

Our goals have always been centered around our family and culture. We were selected to be one of the first recipients of a grant through the Clinton administration to begin a family preservation program. We've also put a stronger emphasis on special needs adoption and are working on adding programs which will assist our Creek families and their children. We also have a tentative open house set for Dec. 17 for the new center for human development. This center will house all of the education departments as well as our elderly nutrition center. Respect and concern for our elders and education for our youth are important elements in our cultural survival. A community development block grant through Housing and Urban Development made this part of our vision possible. We are also in the implementation stages for four new community centers for Tulsa, Sapulpa, Twin Hills, and Weleetka.

Things look better for us than ever before and we

are moving forward. Internally, computer upgrades and the new phone system has helped us become more efficient and our citizens can reach the services they need more efficiently and easier with the direct dialing system.

We've had important victories for becoming stronger and more effective as a government.

The following quotes from "Our Vision" express the concern for the people of the Muscogee Nation — vision gives life, hope, and inspiration; where there is no vision the people perish.

"We the people of the Muscogee Nation, having overcome oppression time and time again, fully recognize that our culture, history, and tradition is our primary strength as a people. We believe in the institutions, systems, and processes of the government of the Muscogee Nation..."

We believe that our natural resources and environment must be respected and protected.

We believe that we are responsible for helping ourselves and others...

We believe in becoming self reliant through the development of a tribal economic system that brings prosperity and opportunity to our citizens.

Above all, we believe in our Creator, who guides

us through our daily life. We believe in being humble to each other and to our friends. That is how the Creator teaches us to be and humbleness is what we teach our children."

With this vision utmost in our minds, we are wishing you happiness this holiday season and throughout the coming year.

BIA meeting

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clude discussion of oil and gas leasing within the Five Civilized Tribes and the problems individual Indian owners encounter when receiving their loyalty checks directly from oil companies.

A representative from the office of Indian royalty assistance, minerals management service, Oklahoma City, will also be on the program. The representative will discuss the royalty process through the minerals management service and the advantages of this method. The representative will discuss problems associated with direct payments, including the lack of accountability for those royalty checks.

The Muscogee Nation Tribal Capitol Complex is located at U.S. Highway 75 and loop 56. For more information, contact Charles Robertson, supervisory realty specialist, at 1(800) 238-1943 or (918) 687-2323.